

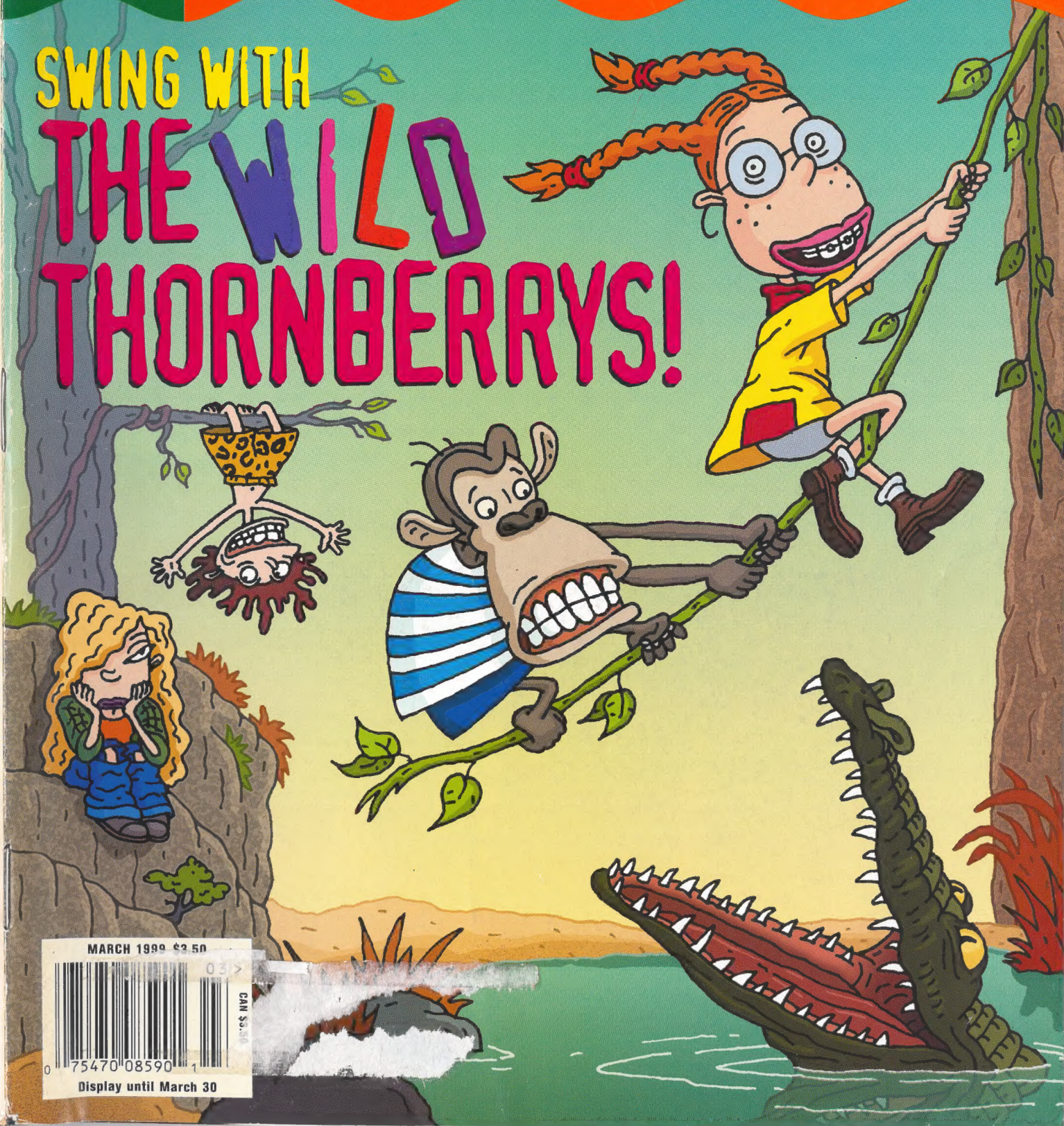
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(Move about them later.)
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Monique


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Stick Guy Twin

Mini Pancake Head

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 - B. The space under the couch
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 - C. Dip in the ocean
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 - B. A secret branch of the government
 - C. Aunt Jemima®
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- A. Panic and start yelling for a spoon
 - B. Grab 'em and eat 'em with your hands
 - C. Call a silverware delivery service
- 

KEY: 1) A 2) A & C 3) C 4) B 5) C 6) B

Pick the right words. Finish the story!

SO FAR, SO GOOD!
ROUND #2

One morning, I woke up and went to the closet because I was
afternoon, I went to the kitchen
teatime, I went to the bathroom.

hungry. My mom was there, but my regular waffles
neighbor crazy cousin Hugo avocados
sushi rolls

were'n't! It was something new – Aunt Jemima® Mini Pancakes

and French Toast Sticks! I picked them up hey!
I did my homework and yelled geronimo!
I started snoring soup!

were really hairy, loud, tasty. The end.
And after that I was a happy, itchy, fireman.

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Aunt	Jemima	Juice	Pancake	Syrup
Dip		Mini	French Toast	Warm
Eat		Stick	Waffle	Hungry
Wake Up		Stack	Butter	Yum

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344 Mayfly

or hours, mayflies do not eat, and are actually not real flies; mayflies have four wings whereas true flies have two. Commonly called duns or shad flies, imitation mayflies are often used as fishing lures. Immature mayflies are called naiads or nymphs, and breathe through gills after hatching from eggs deposited in ponds or streams.

Scientific classification. Mayflies are of the order *Ephemeroptera*.

McWilliam, *mik WIL yum*, **Helen Jane,** *jayn*, (1853-1937), invented the three-tie apron in Australia in 1899. Called the Threepren, the device tied around the neck and waist like a standard apron, but included a third cloth strap that tied around the ankles. Despite multiple applications, the Threepren was never patented. McWilliam also attempted a three-laced shoe.

McWorld, *mik wurld*, is a planet created from the collision of a gigantic deep-space asteroid and a McDonald's® restaurant in 1993. Spun off from the earth, McWorld now resides in tight orbit between Venus and the earth's moon. It is the one planet



whose name is not only spelled out by particles in its atmosphere, but is visible from earth. It rotates around us once every 34 minutes, on a 24-degree axis. McWorld is closer to the earth in diameter than any other planet, differing in size by only 3 or 4 feet.

McWorld in brief

General information

Core: chocolate milkshake surrounding a McNuggets® vortex (right)

Surface/Landscape:

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Atmosphere: breathable, droolable O₂FF₅ (2 parts Oxygen, one part French Fry smell)

Temperature: +70°F to +72°F, with snow on Fridays

Satellites: 4, receiving 657 movie channels

Flights to McWorld: pioneered in late 1993, now



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Mayfly

daily every hour

Length of Year: 4 or 5 minutes

Capital: McWorld City

Official Language: talking with mouth full

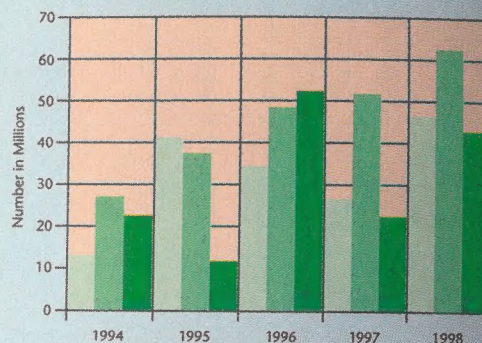
National Anthem: "I Want Some Fries With That"

Government: none

Laws: bedtimes and chores made illegal in 1994

Population: humans, ages 9 to 13

■ population with snowboards
■ population with fries
■ population who hang out with Grant Hill



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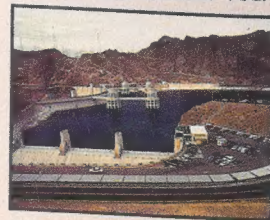
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Way of Life: inhabitants live guided by a cultural system called "Whatever"

Motto: "Hey, it could happen"

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Lake Mead

Nevada, it is administered by the National Park service and is used as a recreational area. Also see *Hoover Dam*. ©1999 McDonald's Corporation

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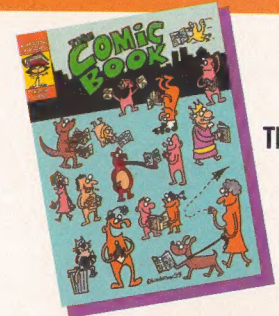
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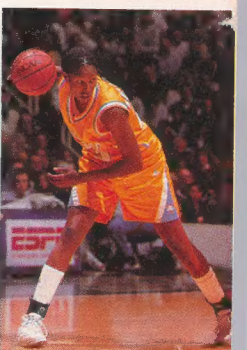
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Dear Nick Mag,

Where do you find the movie stars you interview?

Kelly F., age 11
Grand Island, New York

Dear Kelly,

The stars in our magazine are tracked down by our glamorous entertainment editor, Elisa Zuritsky (the English setter, *below right*). Elisa's job mostly involves making lots of phone calls, but she did get to interview Nick Carter of the Backstreet Boys *in person*!

Dear Nick Mag,

Can you make fun of school? I would like it.

Will G.
Plano, Texas

Dear Will,

Ahem....Hey, school! This is you: "Duh! Look at me. I'm so stupid and, um, dumb and stuff. But I think I'm so great and everything."

If you want more school humor, take a look at this issue's pullout Doggie Diploma!

Dear Nick Mag,

About how many letters do you get a month? What are they most commonly about?

Shawn H., age 11½
Bethel, Ohio

Dear Shawn,

We get about 7,000 letters a month. Many ask about our ruff-riding reporter Zelda Van Gutters. After that, the most common questions are "What's your favorite TV show?" and "What does *Nickelodeon* mean?" (The answers are on page 78.) Occasionally there's a young genius who asks how many letters we get....

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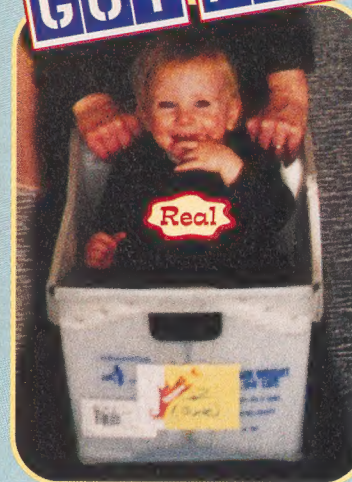


Pets Issue!

We hope

you aren't allergic to it!

**YOU'VE
GOT MALE**



You may remember Pete Duffy (the son of Nick Mag senior editor Chris Duffy) who appeared in our March 1998 issue as a brand-new baby boy. He's still a boy, but he's not so brand-new anymore. The one-year-old wonder dropped by our office recently and took a ride in a mail bin!

Do you hear that squeaky sound? It might be our hamster, running in circles at the bottom of our pages.

Forward, **March!**

They say March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb because the weather starts out fierce and then gets gentle. Can you turn a *lion* into a *lamb*? Change one letter at a time. The new letters are boxed, and we gave you some help.

Answers on page 78.

L I O N

A diving bird from the North:

A blessing or a benefit: **B** **O** **N**

First we're , and then we die.

Farm animals sleep in a .

Simpson

Don't put the before the horse.



Take good of yourself.

My friends over last night.

That's a excuse.

L A M B



Pets, Camera, Action!

Behind every successful entertainer, there's a loyal pet (or two).

Real

CHRISTINA APPLEGATE

of *Jesse*

Do you have any pets?

Yes, I have four.

Which one is your favorite?

I try not to play favorites, but I have a very close bond with my cat Thomas.



MEG RYAN

of *You've Got Mail*

Do you have any pets?

On our ranch in Montana we have three dogs. One is named Dave, and the other two—whom we got at the same time—are Henry and June. Their names are

actually a reference to the writer Henry Miller and his wife, June, but my son Jack thinks they're named after the cartoon characters [from *KABLAM!*].

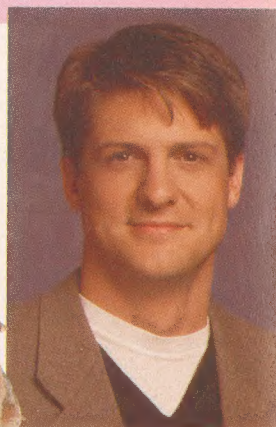
CHRISTOPHER SIEBER

of *Two of a Kind*

What was the worst pet you ever had?

It's really gross. I had two mice, Max and Sam. I forgot to feed them, and Max ate Sam.

It's a mouse-eat-mouse world.



THE OLSEN TWINS

of *Two of a Kind*

Would you ever have a reptile for a pet?

MARY-KATE: Yeah!

ASHLEY: Our brothers have lizards.

BRIAN AUSTIN GREEN

of *Beverly Hills, 90210*

Do you have any pets?

Yes, I have a Rottweiler named Alik. He weighs 175 pounds and is the sweetest dog in the world. I also have a little African parrot named Charlie Parker and a kitten I recently found in the street.



MATT GROENING

creator of *The Simpsons*

What was the first pet you ever had?

A Boston terrier named Stubby, who had bulging eyes and was never housebroken.

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Don't worry Chuckie, I think he's the one that puts the choklit in the milk.

Don't you dumb babies know anything? The vity-man makes sure all babies hand over their chocolate milk to ME!

Tommy, what's a "vity-man"?



Chocolate milk is a fun and nutritious treat for your kids and has all the vitamins and nutrients of regular milk.

got milk?



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The TRUTH

Real

How close are you with your cat or dog? Sure, you know what snacks they like, but can you explain why a cat rubs up against your leg, or why a dog licks your face? **Victoria Robinson** dug up the dirt on some puzzling pet behavior.

Cats

MESSAGE SCENT

You may think your cat is simply happy to see you when it rubs its head and body against your legs when you get home from school. But your cat is also marking you with its scent to claim you as a part of its territory.

A cat has scent glands at the corners of its mouth and on its temples and chin. As your pet presses its face on your jeans, its lips get pulled back, exposing the scent glands in the mouth. Rubbing puts pressure on the glands, and the cat's scent is then released. You may not be able to detect the smell, but other cats can. Territory is very important to cats. To any outside cats, you now smell like "property of Bootsie" (or whatever kitty put its mark on you).

PURR-SONALITY

Purring starts very early in a cat's life. Kittens can purr by the time they are a week old. Being in a state

of bliss seems to promote purring: The mother cat purrs as she feeds her kittens, and the kittens purr as they nurse.

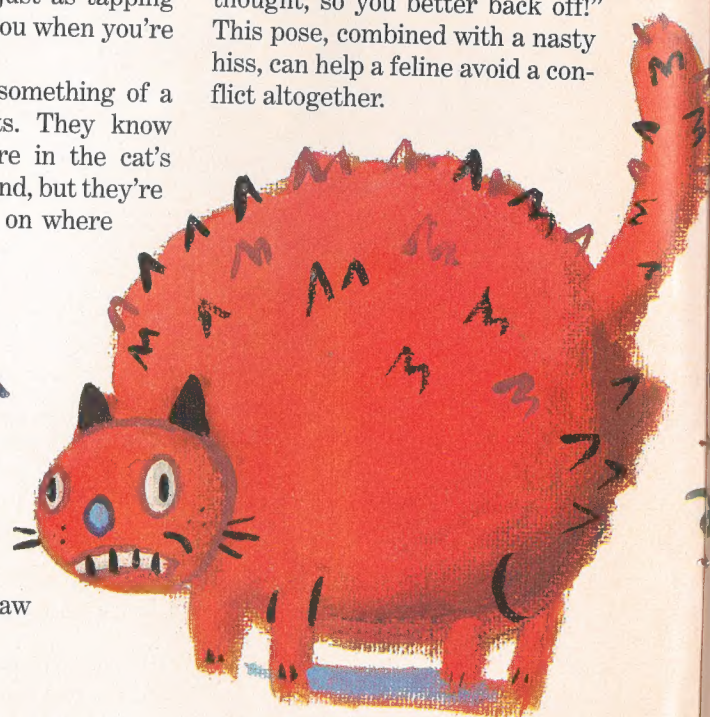
But take your cat to the vet and listen as it purrs furiously while you talk with the doctor. Cats don't purr just when they're happy; they also purr when they're upset. Purring may reduce stress, just as tapping your foot may help you when you're nervous.

Purring remains something of a mystery to scientists. They know that a bony structure in the cat's throat carries the sound, but they're not *purrr*-fectly clear on where the sound originates.

PUFF CATTY

Cats don't arch their backs and puff up their fur just for Halloween. Their razor-sharp claws and teeth are great defenses for paw-to-paw

combat, but the big-hair look can also come in handy when a cat is threatened. When it arches its back, puffs up the fur along its spine and tail, and twists into a sideways, stiff-legged stance, a cat suddenly appears larger. It's a way of saying to a potential attacker, "Look! I'm really much bigger than you first thought, so you better back off!" This pose, combined with a nasty hiss, can help a feline avoid a conflict altogether.



About Cats and Dogs



Dogs

KISS ME, YOU FOOD

When your dog licks your face with its big sloppy tongue, the pooch is saying "I love you," right? Yes, but there's a little more to it than that. Dogs lick our faces because of a basic instinct also found in wolves. (Wolves are dogs' closest relatives in the wild.)

When a mother wolf returns from hunting, her pups lick her mouth and nuzzle her face, which causes a wrenching reflex in her stomach, and she regurgitates the food she has just eaten. The pups then eat the partly digested food. In other words, wild dogs feed vomit to their puppies—it's the perfect puppy chow for teething tots.

We humans feed our pets their own food, so our dogs don't have to eat our puke. But when a dog licks your face, it's saying that it knows you're the boss—and the main provider of food, whether the meals be canned, dry, or hurled.

SPIN CYCLE

Why does a dog chase its tail? Chances are that it's because Bowser is bored. Puppies (who play and explore nonstop) chase their tails all the time. If an adult dog chases its tail, however, that usually means the dog needs more stimulation in its life and is trying to stir up some excitement.

As a species, dogs are social animals, and it's their nature to live in packs as wolves do. Your dog views you and your family as its pack and gets lonely if everyone is gone all day. So if you see your dog spinning endlessly in circles, it's time to spend more time romping with him or her.

READ MY TAIL

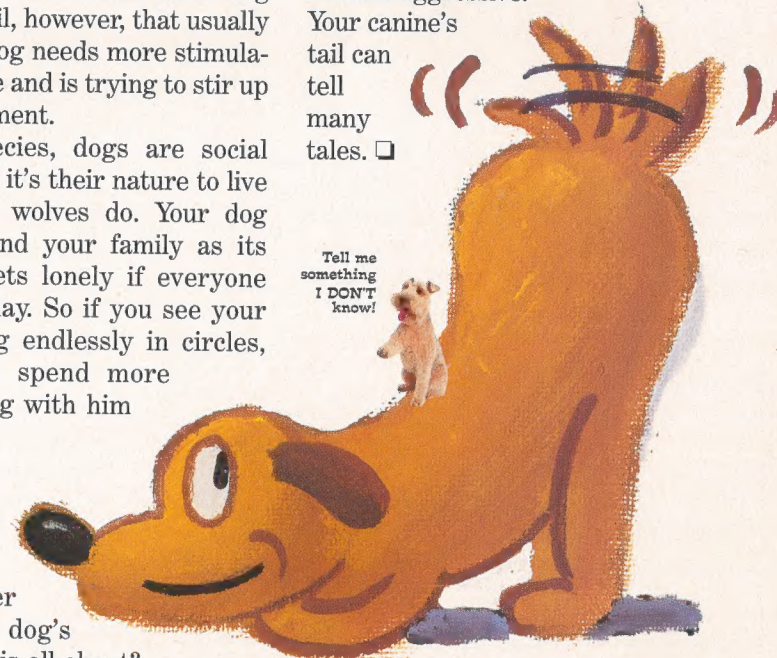
Ever wonder what your dog's tail wagging is all about? Pack animals such as wolves have

dominant (leader) and subordinate (follower) members in their groups. Dogs consider their owners the dominant member of the pack, or the "top dog." Scientists have observed that subordinate wolves approach the more dominant members in the pack with the same enthusiastic greeting your dog gives you—extreme tail wagging, with just a bit of bowing.

Dogs use their tails to express different moods. A wide-swinging, easygoing tail wag that includes some rump action is a sign of friendliness. A drooping tail combined with a stiff wag is a sign the dog may be nervous. A rigid, upright tail wagged rapidly can mean the dog feels threatened and may become aggressive.

Your canine's tail can tell many tales. □

Tell me something I DON'T know!

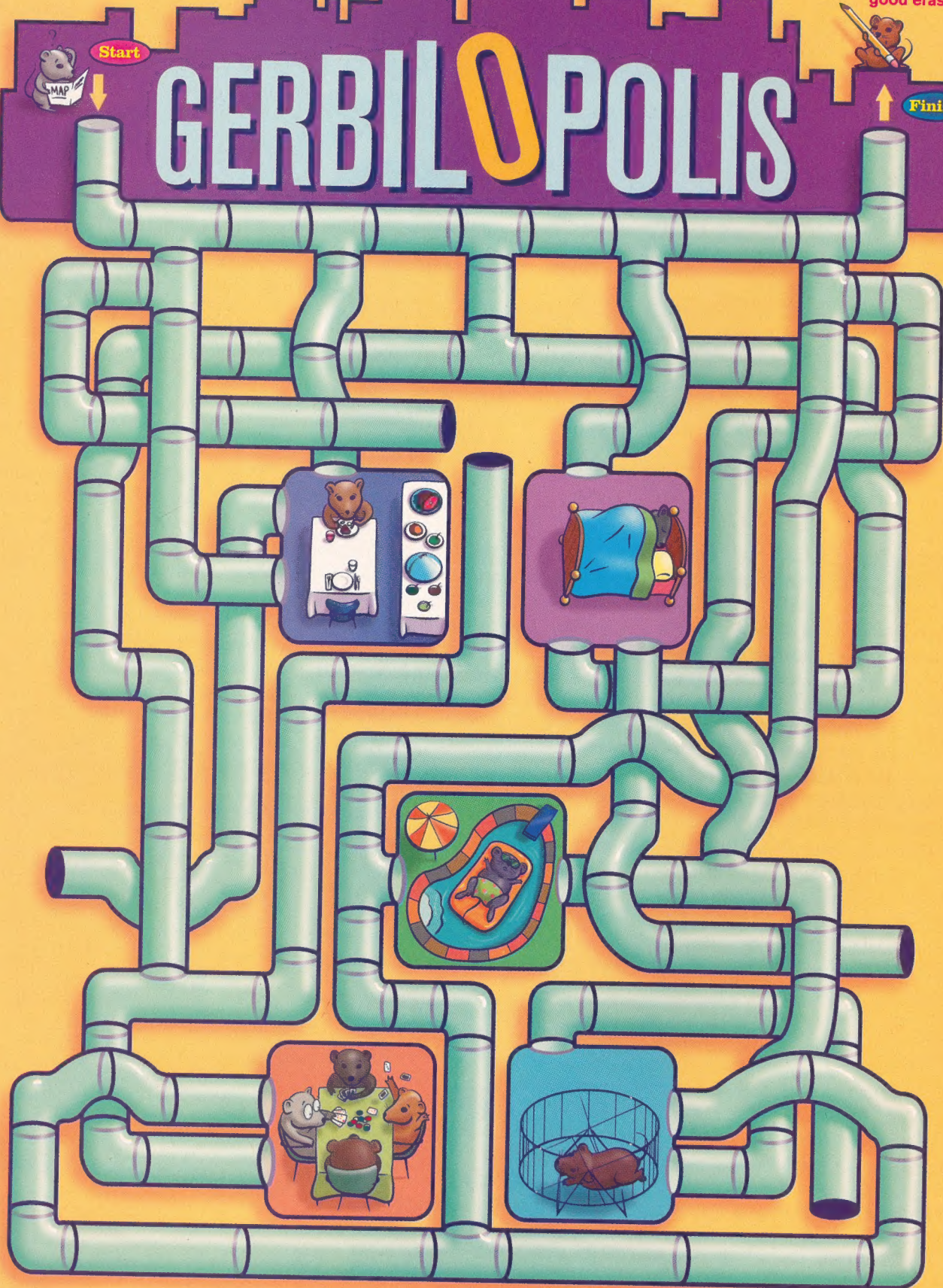


exit at FINISH. You must visit all five stations before exiting. You must visit the

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dinner table station first. You cannot leave the tunnels or travel along the same passage more than once.

GERBIL OPOLIS



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Sing these annoying songs when you're feeling furry fine.

Wipe, Wipe, Wipe My Nose

(Sing to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat.")

Wipe, wipe, wipe my nose,
When I see my dog.
Allergies, allergies, allergies, allergies,
Perhaps I need a frog.

Wipe, wipe, wipe my nose.
My cat is at her dish.
Allergies, allergies, allergies, allergies,
Perhaps I need a fish.

Wipe, wipe, wipe my nose.
Now this is quite absurd.
Allergies, allergies, allergies, allergies,
Allergic to a bird?

Wipe, wipe, wipe my nose.
It's a horse I see.
Allergies, allergies, allergies, allergies,
A turtle's next for me.



My Kitty Walked Out Through the Dog Door

(Sing to the tune of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean.")

My kitty walked out through the dog door
Without even saying good-bye.
My kitty, he crawled through the dog door;
And now I can only ask why.

Oh, bring back, bring back,
Bring back my kitty to me, to me!
Bring back, bring back,
Oh, bring back my kitty to me!

One day he walked back through the dog door.
He acted like he'd never gone.
My kitty crawled back through the dog door.
He smelled like he'd swum in a pond.

Oh, he's back, he's back,
My kitty's come back to me, to me!
He's back, he's back,
He smells, but he's come back to me.

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(Sing to the tune of "Three Blind Mice.")

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Three more pets...
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Than just one.
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Just three more pets.

My Pet Rules!

(Sing to the tune of "Frère Jacques." Use your favorite pet. We used turtles as an example.)

I like turtles.
I like turtles.
Why don't you?
Why don't you?
Turtles are the best pet.
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CALLING ALL CURS

Farther north, in Nashua, New Hampshire, a dog named Lyric also became famous for dialing 911. Unlike the parrot, however, this Irish setter really had an emergency on her paws. Lyric's owner, Judi Bayly, has a breathing disorder. One night in March 1996, Judi had trouble breathing, so Lyric ran to the phone, knocked it off the hook, and pressed a speed-dial button for 911, just as she had been trained to do. Judi's life was saved, and as a reward, Lyric got to march in a parade with other dogs—Goofy and Pluto, that is—in Disneyland.



TOP DOGS: Lyric, her owner, Judi Bayly, and Pluto in a Disneyland parade.

CALL OF THE WILD

As more and more animals around the country start mastering 911, they may start dialing other numbers, too. A cocker spaniel named Tyrone is already headed in that direction. Unfortunately, the Laguna Hills, California, pup chose to dial a 900-number and ran up a \$28 phone bill in July 1990. His owners had been trying to teach him how to dial 911 in case of an emergency, but it seems he wasn't really paying attention...or paying the bill.



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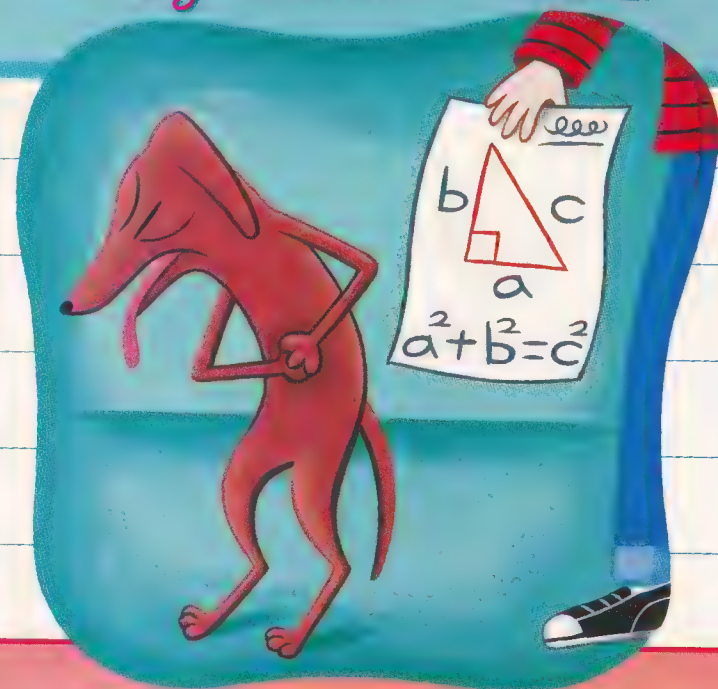


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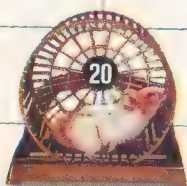
Thanks, but I already stuffed myself on your sister's homework.

I only eat A+ papers—and, frankly, this one's a B.

I want you to do well in school and get a good job so that you can buy me some real food one day.

Next time, don't put it in one of those cheesy plastic binders.

I only eat shoes.



You're going nowhere fast, kid.



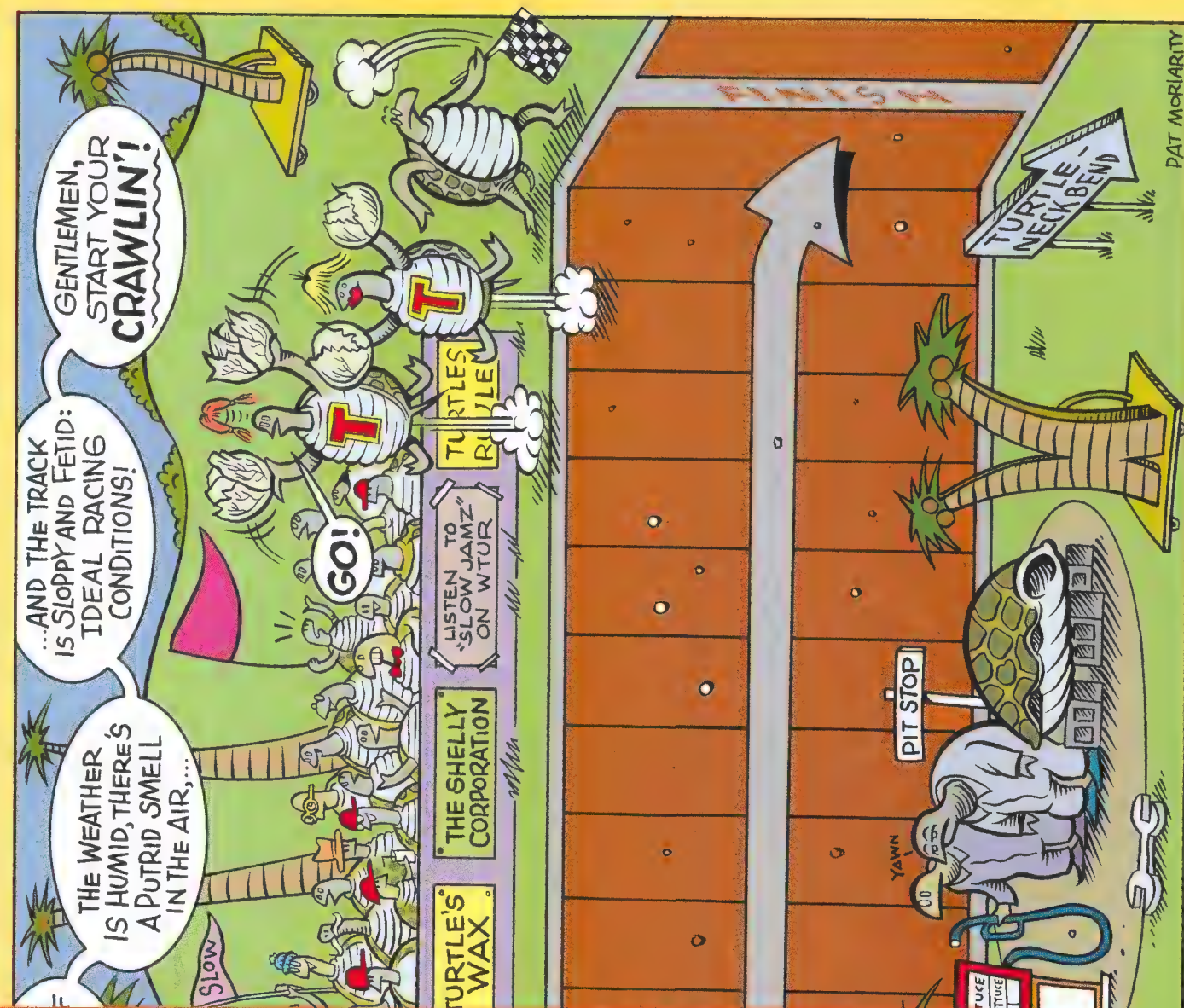
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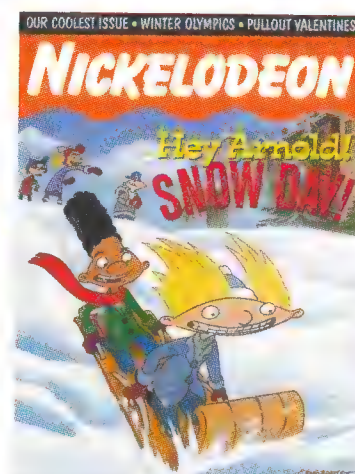
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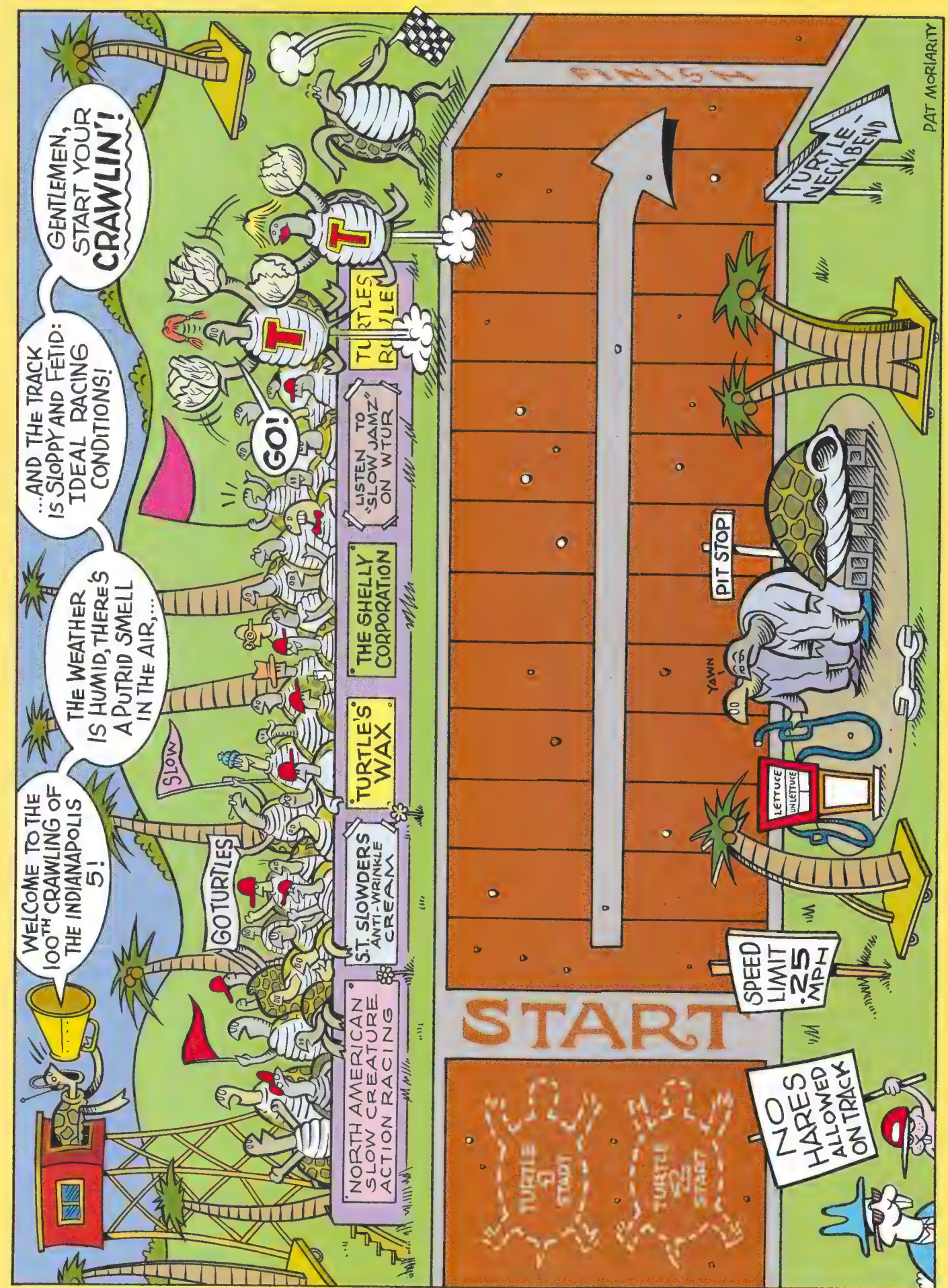
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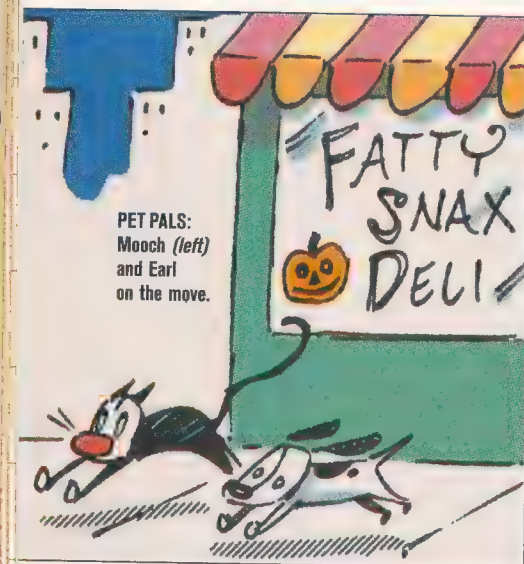


The MUTTS Maker

Patrick McDonnell's comic strip *Mutts* features the adventures of Earl and Mooch, a dog and a cat who are best friends. Patrick got all warm and fuzzy when we asked him to talk about his comic.



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Why did you become a cartoonist?
PATRICK McDONNELL:
Since I was four or five years old, I wanted to be a cartoonist—mainly because of how much I loved *Peanuts*.

What inspired you to create *Mutts*?
After I went to art school, I got jobs doing magazine illustrations. In those illustrations I'd always draw a guy and a little dog in the background. When I finally decided to do the comic strip I always wanted to do, I thought the little dog would be a good character.

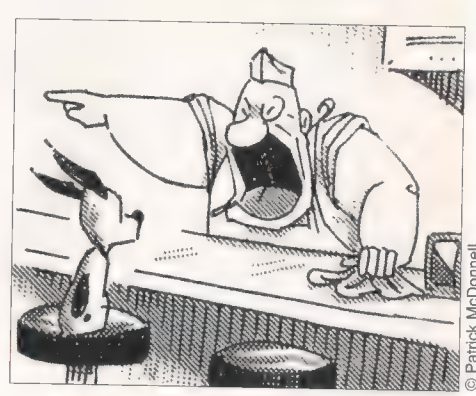
How did Mooch the cat get added to the comic?
While I was developing the strip, the idea was that the main character, Earl the dog, would go on little adventures. So it just made sense that he would meet a cat. Once I started drawing Mooch the cat, he made himself at home and almost took over the strip.

Did you have pets as a kid?
We always had cats. I guess my parents didn't think we could handle a dog, so I had to wait a while to get one. Actually, the dog in *Mutts* is based on my real dog, Earl. Now we also have a little cat that my wife rescued from a garage in Jersey City, New Jersey—a little stray.

Why does Mooch the cat talk funny, saying *yesh* for *yes* and *shmaybe* for *maybe*?
In older comic strips, such as *Popeye*, each character had a different funny way of talking. Popeye would say "I yam what I yam" and add "-pated" to the end of words; if he was disgusted, he'd say "I'm disgustipated." I wanted one of my characters to have a little fun with language, too. So Mooch's *yesh* just happened, and now it sometimes gets out of hand. But it makes Mooch unique.

Why do you use the title *Mutts* when there are other animals besides dogs in the comic?
Actually, if you look in the dictionary, the first definition of *mutts* is mutthead, a dopey person. I think that relates to everyone in the strip.

Which character, besides Earl or Mooch, is your favorite?
I really like to draw the butcher at the Fatty Snax Deli [below, with big mouth].



If you could be a pet, what would you be?
I really relate to my dog. Cartoonists have to have routines, and dogs like their habits, too. If there are such things as past lives, I could have been a dog. ☐

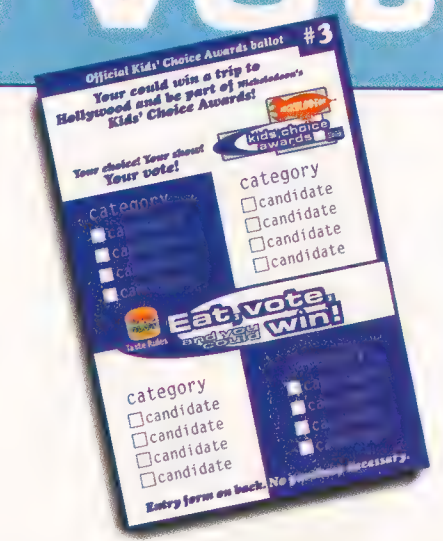
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Polly Want a Puzzle?

by Robert Leighton

Our pet parrot has gone crackers. She learned some six-word sayings, but she mixed up all the words. By hunting through the parrot's garbled statements, can you piece together the six familiar sayings she learned? We did one for you. HINT: All the words are in the right position in the sentences. (The first words are first, and so on...)

A.	Too	many	cooks	spoil	the	broth.
B.						
C.						
D.						
E.						
F.						

Answers on page 78.

Too off of must my cream.

What many scream a ice wizard.

We're been cooks for come Christmas.

Who's dreaming to spoil white down.

I'm all up see the bed?

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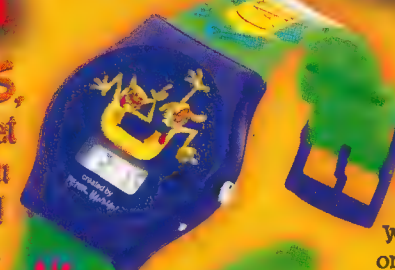
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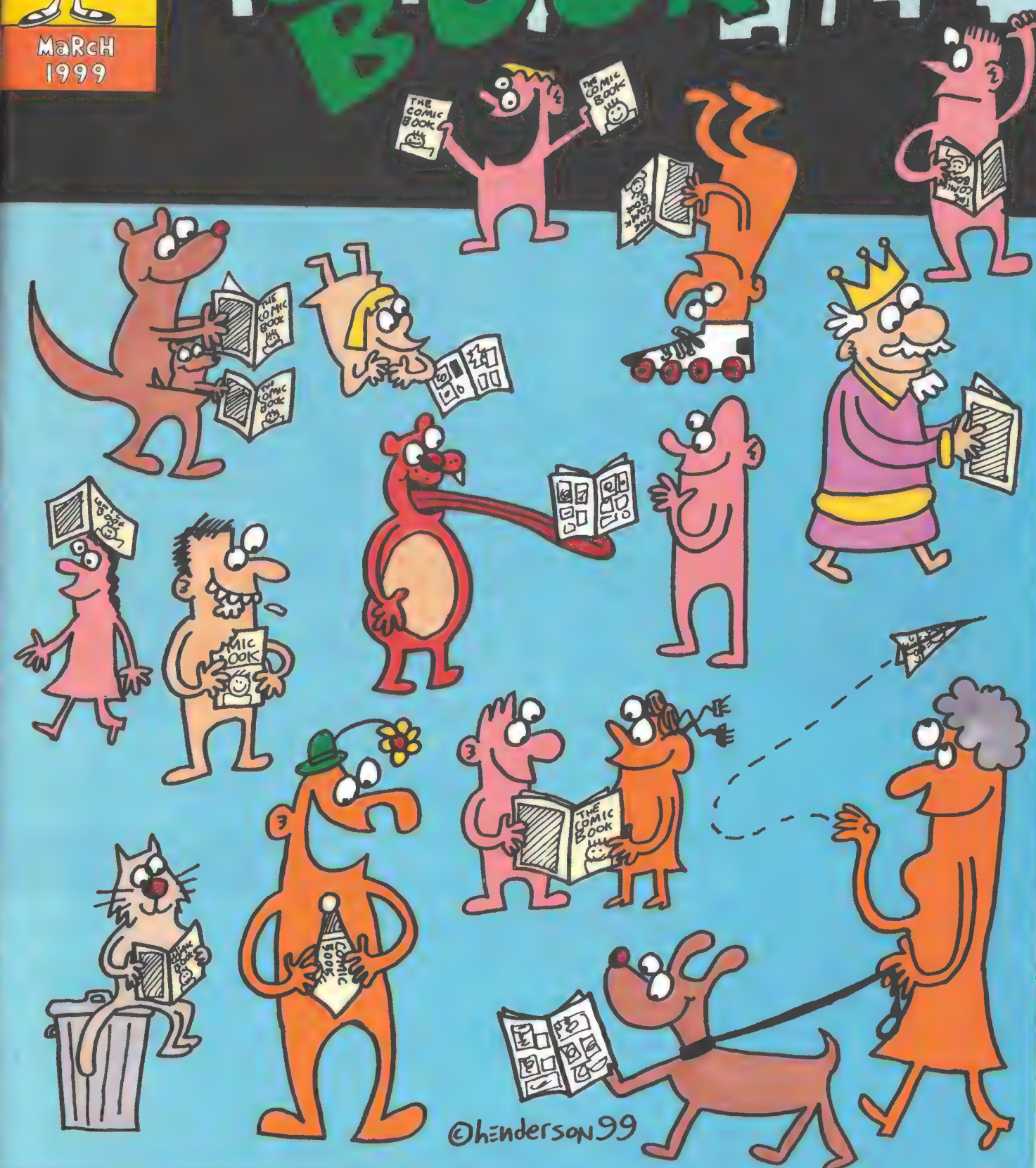
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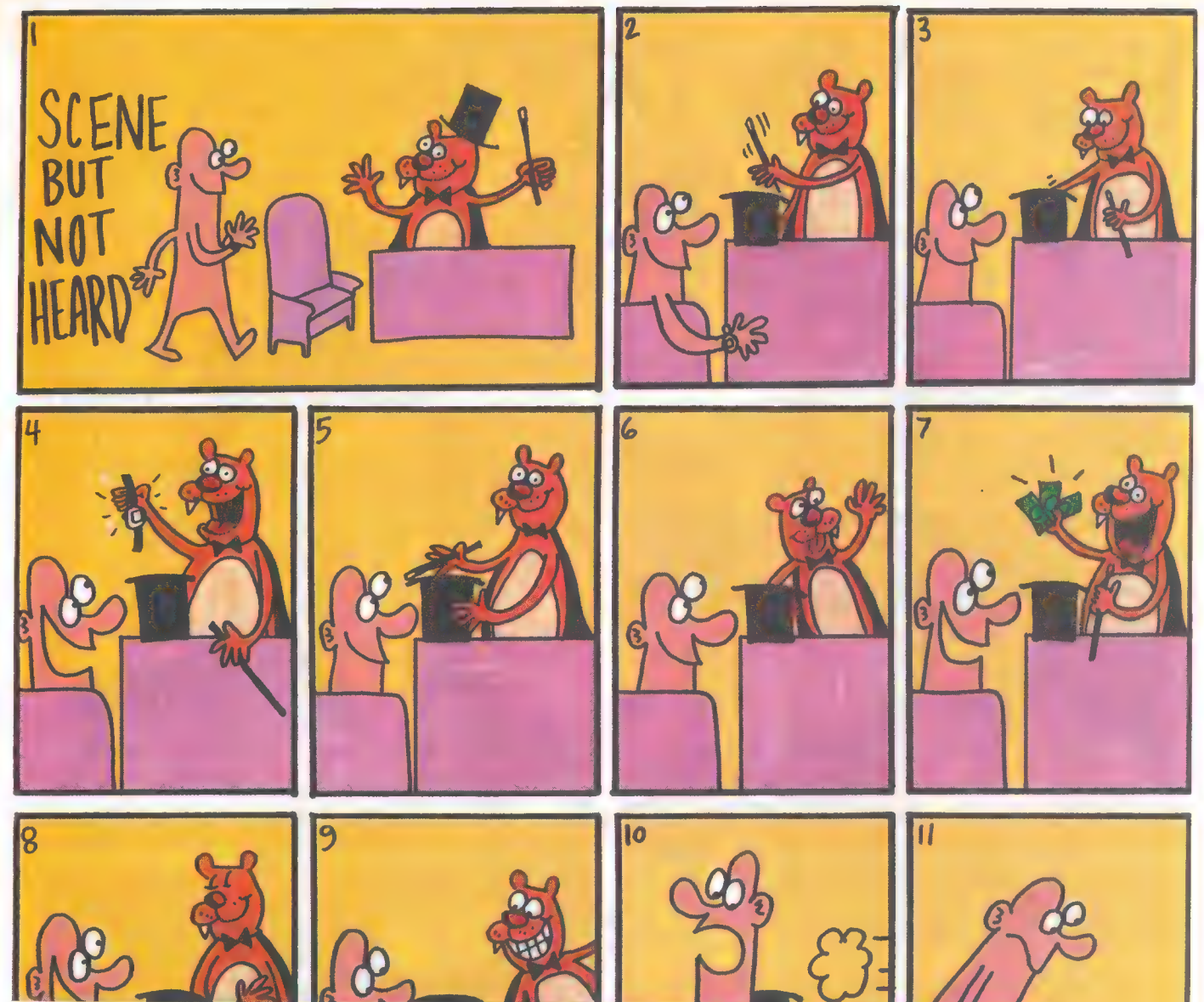
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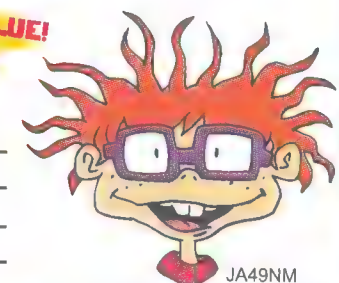
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Hair of the DOG That Bit Me

by Caleb Crain and Pat Moriarity

I gave my Spot a brushing;



So much that when we finished,



The Nother Dog was shadowy.



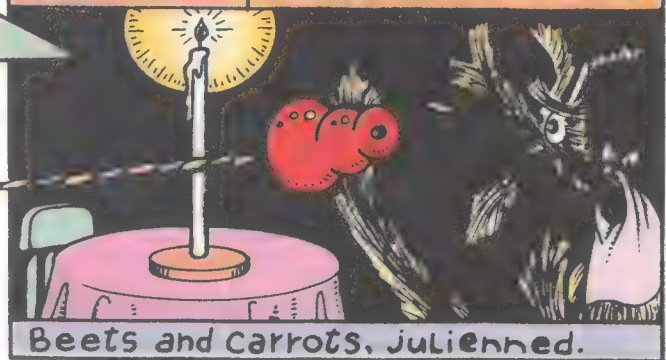
Spot barked hello. It growled out
A sharly, wolfish grrr.



We found Spot's tug-me toy
And gave the Nother Dog an end.



The Nother phoned for take out:



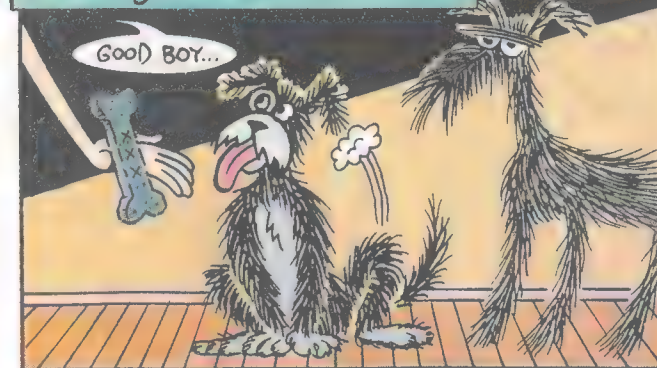
I offered it Spot's kibble,



The Nother Dog preferred to read

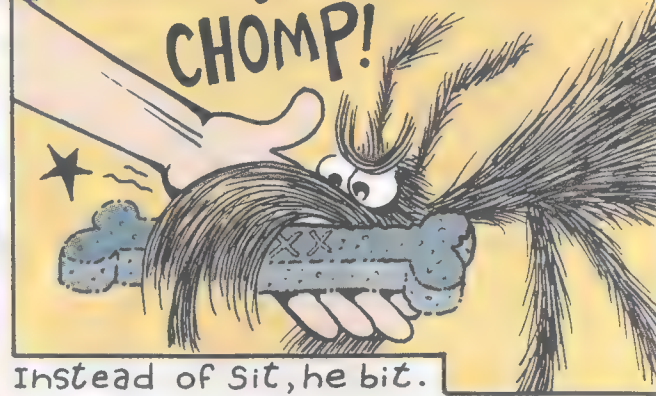


Biscuits were available
To dogs who Learned to Sit.



The Nother Dog Liked biscuits, but

CHOMP!

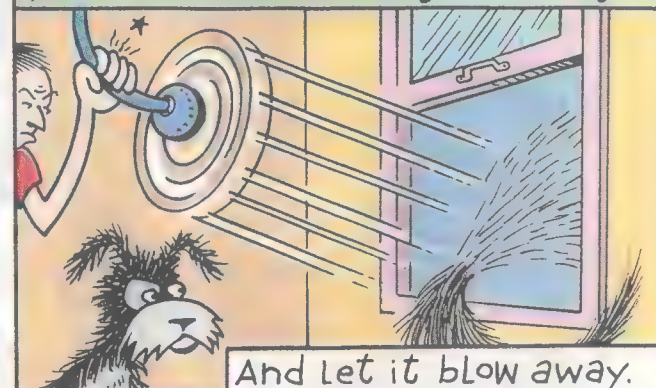


Instead of Sit, he bit.

Enough! said I. Arf-Woof, barked Spot



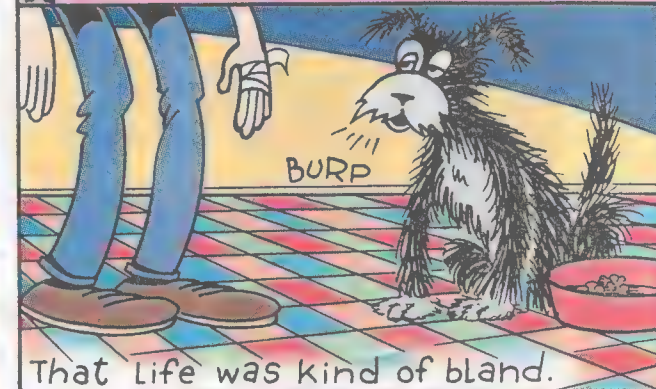
We turned the ceiling fan on high



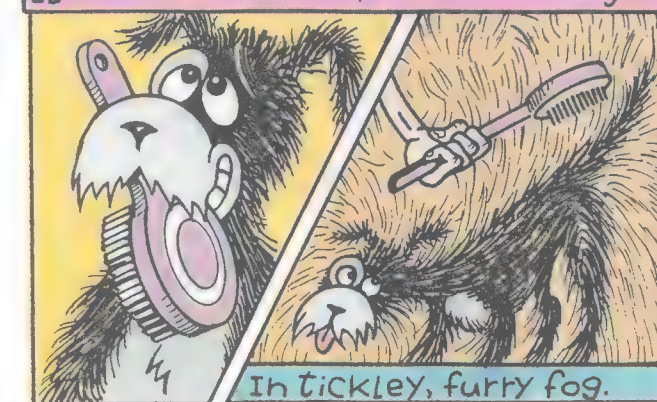
Spot played with his tug-me



He ate kibble, till we both agreed



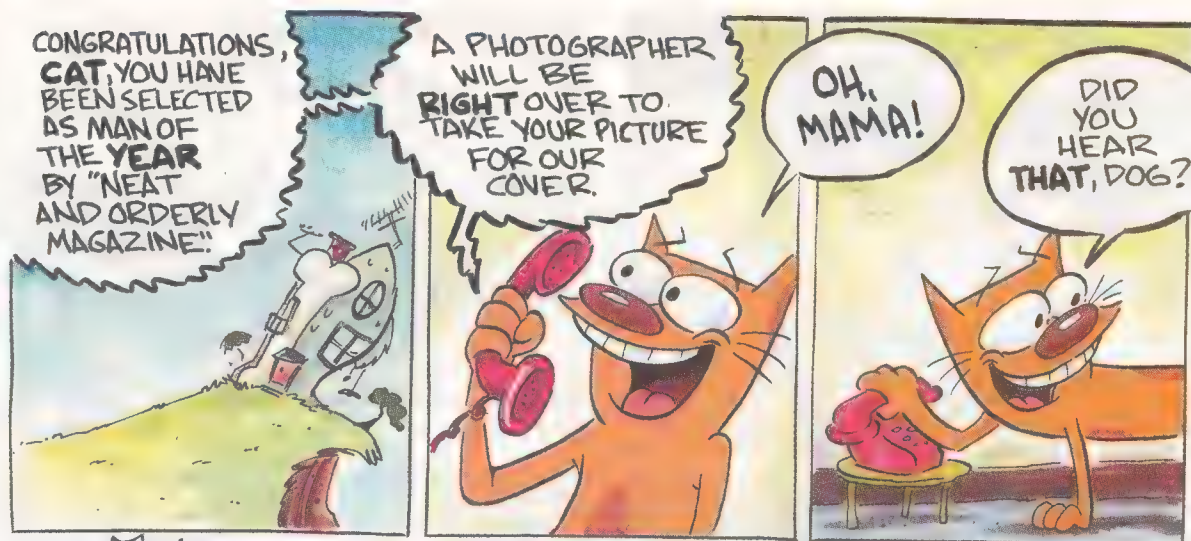
He fetched the brush, and soon we coughed



But when the fur had Settled~

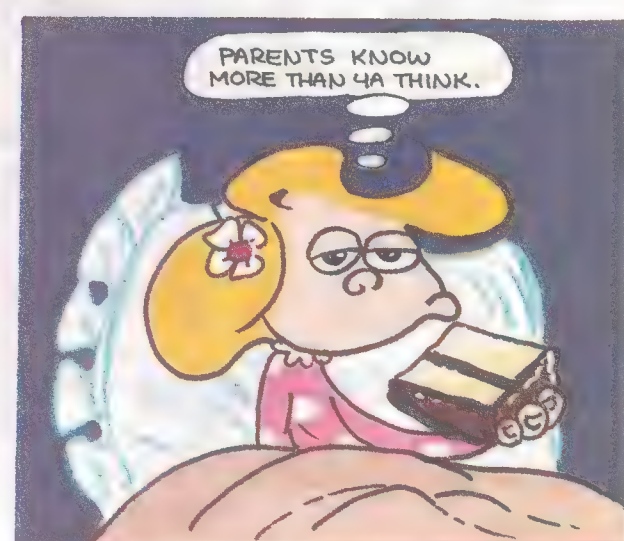


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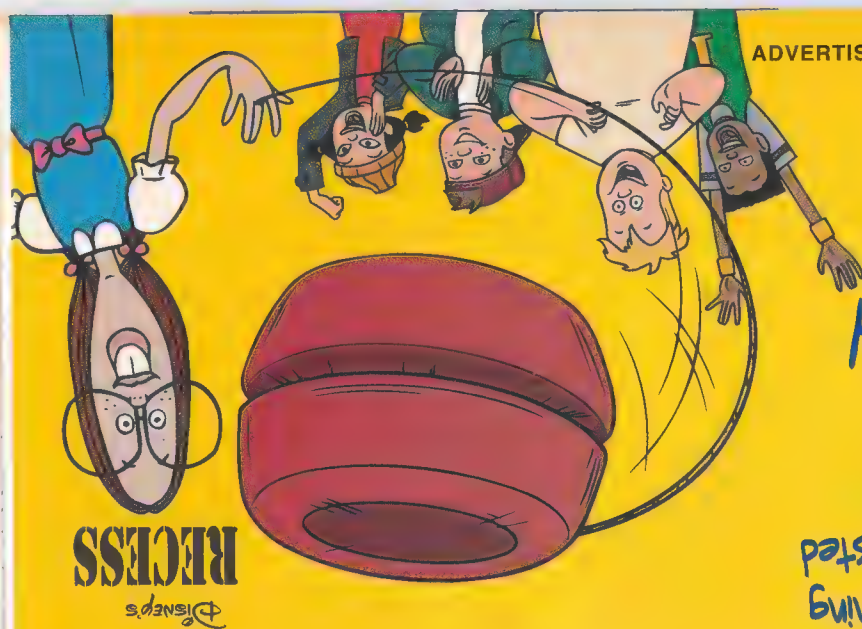


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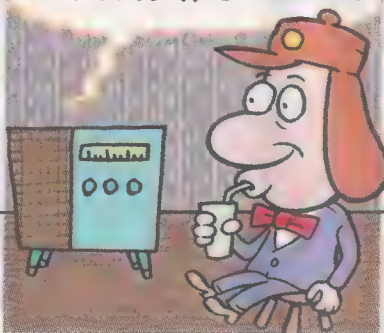
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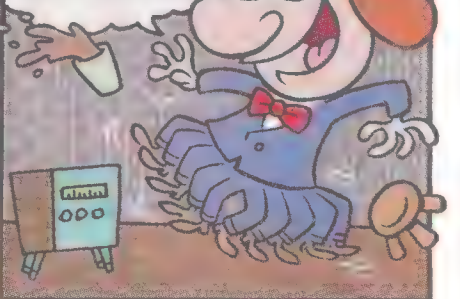
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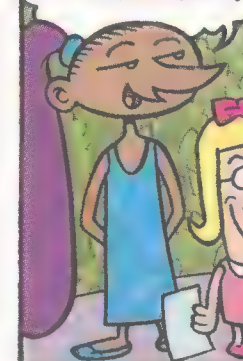
HE CAN PICK UP HIS NEW CAR AND CASH PRIZE AT CITY HALL THIS MORNING!



WOW! I'D BETTER GET GOING!



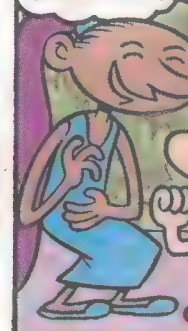
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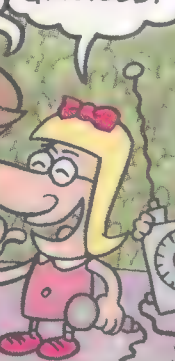
CAN'T TALK NOW! I'M RUNNING LATE!



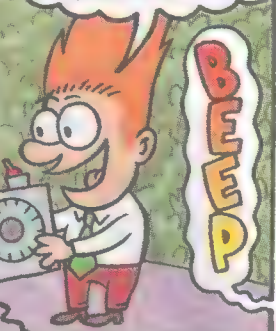
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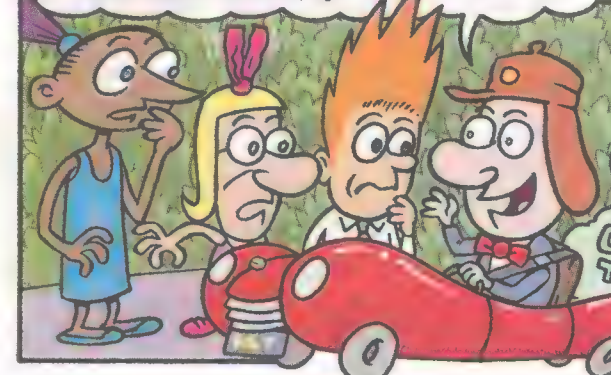
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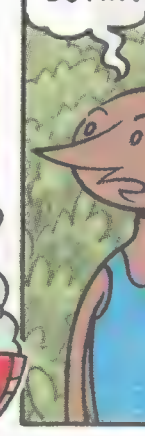
MY PRANKSTER TRANSMITTER WORKS!



HEY, EVERYBODY! I'M HAVING A BIG PARTY TONIGHT, AND YOU'RE ALL INVITED! SEE YOU LATER!



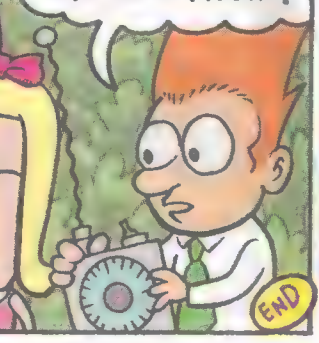
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HOW...?



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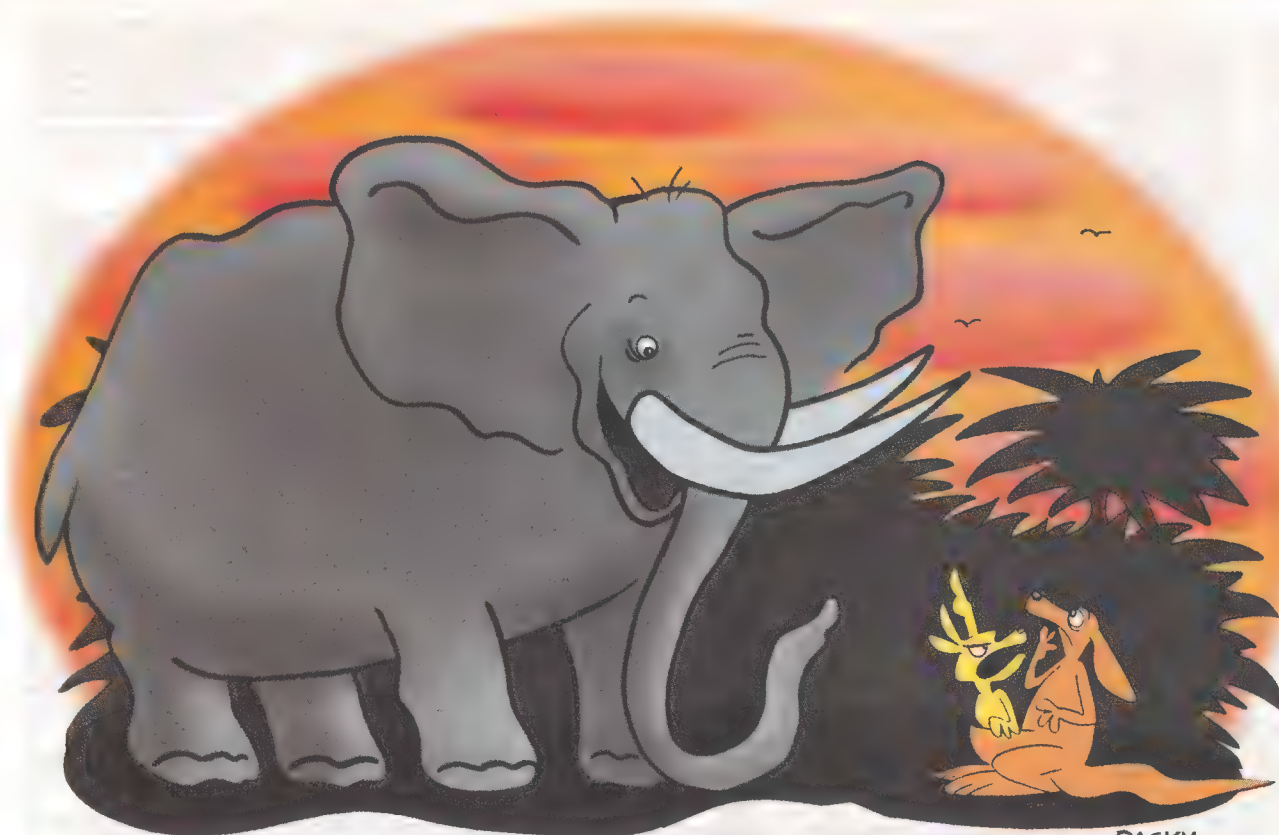




"Hey! I was reading that!"



"This time of year, you can get by with just a light jacket."



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"BUT, MOM, YOU SAID I COULD HAVE A FRIEND SLEEP OVER!"



"Principal McNamara? This is Mr. Spivak in the science lab. One of our experiments seems to have gone terribly wrong...."

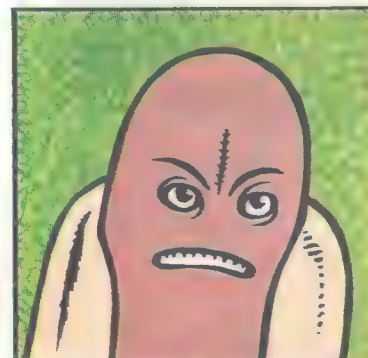


THE WORST MONSTERS



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COUNT SPATULA WAS A CHILLING SIGHT, ADVANCING ON HIS VICTIMS AS HE FLIPPED HIS TRADEMARK EGG....



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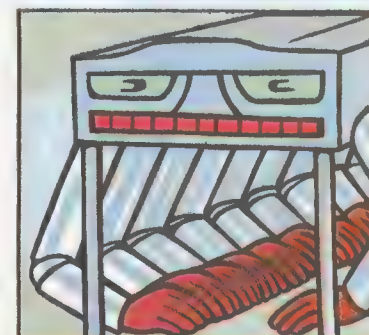
THAT NEVER EXISTED

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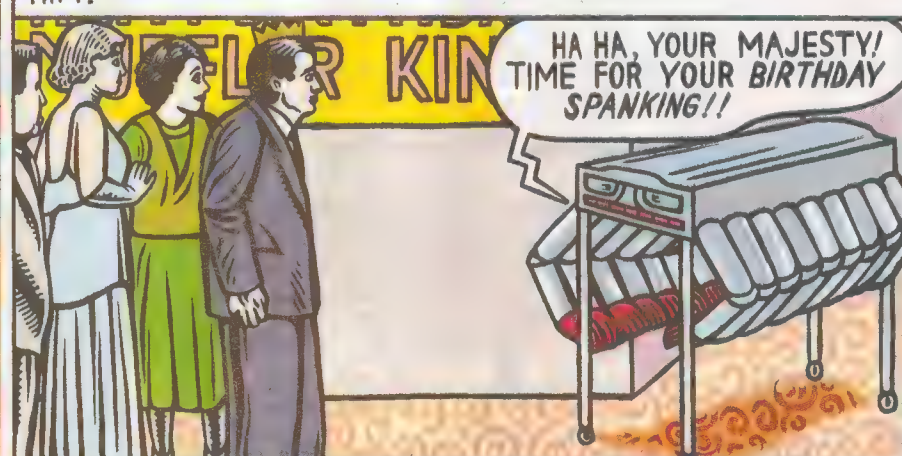
THE WEREWOLF

THE WEREWOLF STALKED HIS VICTIMS BY THE LIGHT OF THE FULL MOON. DUE TO HIS POOR SENSE OF DIRECTION, HE NEVER FOUND THEM.



THE SPANKING MACHINE

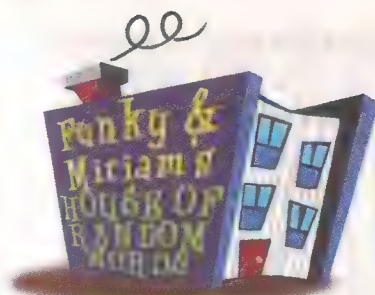
THE SPANKING MACHINE WAS A CRAZY ROBOT. HE FOUND PEOPLE ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS AND MADE THEM GO THROUGH HIM!



GLOBUS

GLOBUS WAS A GIANT WHOSE HEAD WAS A HUGE GLOBE. HE RESENTED THAT THE EARTH LOOKED JUST LIKE HIM, AND WAS ALWAYS TRYING TO CHANGE THE RESEMBLANCE BY REARRANGING THE CONTINENTS!





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Imagine how the people behind us feel, Funk. You've had a green light now for five minutes.

2 **Defenestrate:** To close one eye during a particularly scary part of a movie

I can't look! Aaarrgh! Scary movie! Tell me when it's okay to stop **defenestrating**!

You better close that eye, Funky. It's only the opening credits!

3 **Defenestrate:** To throw a person or thing out a window

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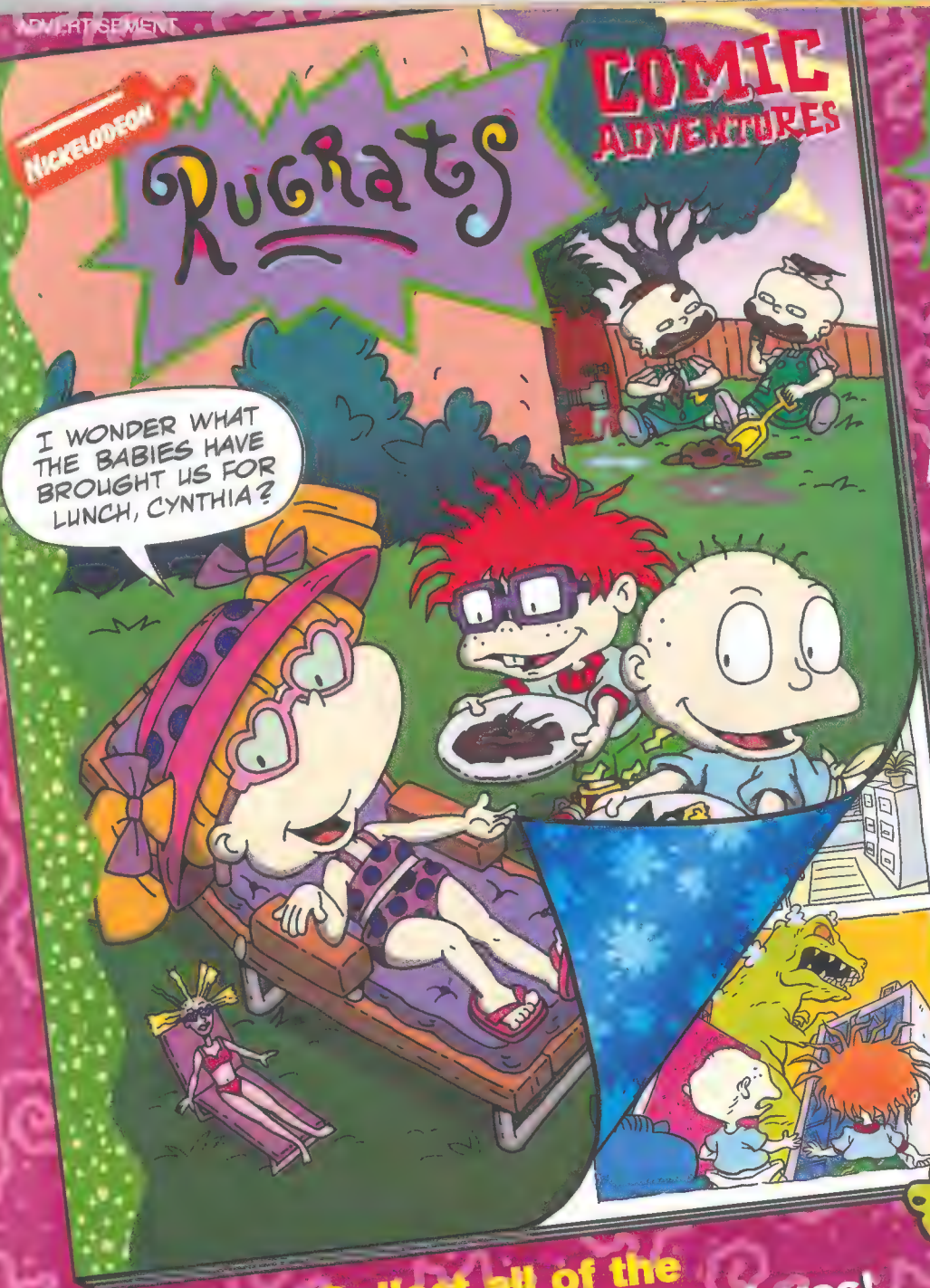
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by David Lewman

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PISCES (February 19–March 20) This month you'll start a brand-new relationship. Unfortunately, it's with a vet.

ARIES (March 21–April 19) A sudden change to a cheaper brand of food is likely this month. Shun all affection until normal food service resumes.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20) Bird-brain alert: Ignore the chirp advice of a Sagittarian parakeet. Instead, gather the facts by reading the newspaper at the bottom of your cage.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20) Exclusive to Gemini cats: You'll be tempted to tell a friend's secret. Be careful not to let yourself out of the bag.

CANCER (June 21–July 22) You'll find romance at the park. You'll also find a french fry, some ketchup, and part of a burger—yum!

LEO (July 23–August 22) As a Leo dog, you're embarrassed to have been born under the sign of a big cat. Get over it! Remember, you were also born under a sign that said PUPPIES FOR SALE—CHEAP.

Who are you calling "cheap"?

VIRGO (August 23–September 22) Resist the urge to run away on the 22nd. Stay loyal to your owner and you'll be rewarded with a visit to the country...or the couch.

LIBRA (September 23–October 22) This month you will go on a long, exciting trip across the yard. Don't bite your tour guide, a very nervous squirrel.

SCORPIO (October 23–November 21) This is a good month to put in some extra hours at work, running on that big wheel.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22–December 21) It's time for a new look, so if you're a reptile, try shedding your skin. Otherwise, just shed some fur—and would it kill you to take a bath now and then?

CAPRICORN (December 22–January 19) This month, friends will encourage you to come out of your shell. Do it—unless you're a turtle or a hermit crab.

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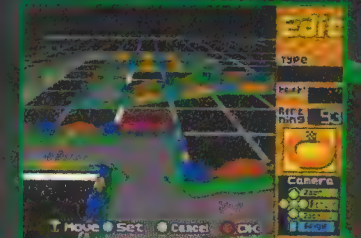
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KART RACING
AT ITS BEST!



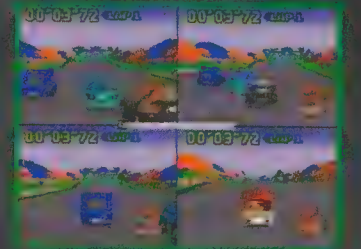
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Answers on page 78.

The Patients:

Bird	Frog
Carpenter	Monkey
Cat	Sea Otter
Crossing Guard	Spider
Boy	Squirrel
Football Player	

Hint: Dr. Transplant has his own brain, and so do the flies and baby birds.



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REPORT CARD OF _____, OWNER OF _____
family member's name pet's name

FEEDING

My _____ needs are met in a timely fashion, and I am
adjective
often fed _____ treats. Meals, however, tend to lack
adjective
variety. In fact, they are always the same. Why not try fixing
me a fresh bowl of _____ smothered in _____
food type of sauce
once in a while?

TOYS 'N' SUCH

I have a good balance of toys that go _____ and toys
sound
that go _____. I could always use a(n) _____
another sound noun
filled _____.
noun

AFFECTION

Generally, you are loving, caring, and _____. I do,
adjective
however, feel that I should be allowed to _____ on the
verb
_____. There is also room for improvement in the
piece of furniture
_____ -scratching department.
body part

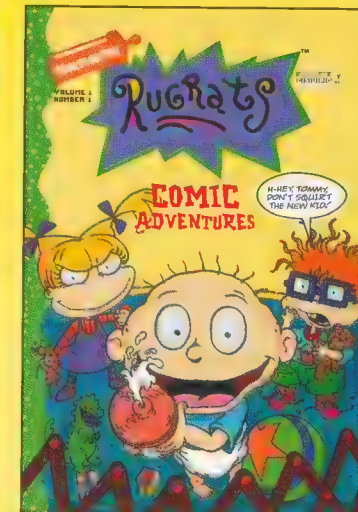
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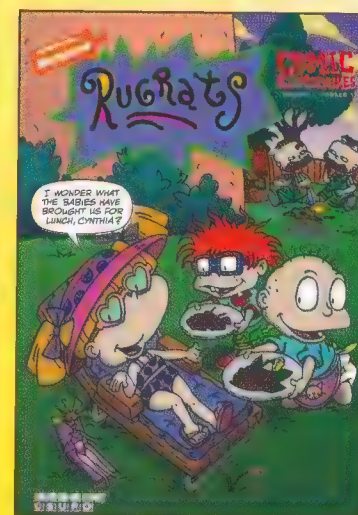
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BAKED BONES

We dug up this recipe for meringue bone cookies (for humans, not dogs).

Real

by Rory Evans

Ingredients

- 3 egg whites
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- cocoa powder (optional)

You'll also need

- an adult, to help
- a cookie sheet
- butter or margarine
- an electric mixer
- a one- or two-gallon plastic food-storage bag
- a sifter (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 275°F. Grease a cookie sheet with butter or margarine.
2. Using an electric mixer, beat the egg whites until they look foamy (a). Add the cream of tartar (b) and continue to beat until the egg whites look firm (c). (Don't overbeat the eggs or they will turn to liquid.)
3. Continue beating, slowly adding the sugar (a) and then the vanilla (b). The meringue is ready when the mixture looks glossy and forms stiff peaks (c). To test the meringue for the proper stiffness, turn off the mixer, and slowly remove the beaters from the bowl. The meringue should form peaks as you remove the beaters.
4. Snip the bottom corner off of a plastic food-storage bag, making a diagonal slit a little more than an inch wide (a). Then carefully scoop the meringue mixture into the bag (b).
5. To form the bones: Squeeze the bag, pushing the meringue out through the slit onto the greased cookie sheet. Make a round end of the bone first. Then continue to squeeze, but let up on the pressure a little bit to make the narrow, long part of the bone. At the other end, squeeze harder again to make the other round knob.



6. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, until the cookies are hard and slightly browned. To give your bones a just-dug-from-the-earth look, sift a little cocoa powder over them.



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Point to the ceiling and say, "Isn't it amazing? You can't even tell my chameleon is there!"

Tell people that your room is such a pigsty because you have a potbellied pig.

Put a leather glove on your hand, raise your arm in the air, and whistle. Warn your friends, "Look out! Freddie the Falcon is a little shaky with his landings."

Hang a sign on your family's toilet bowl that says PLEASE LOOK BEFORE FLUSHING. OTTERS MAY BE AT PLAY.

Spill a little water on your shoulder. Then walk up to someone and sigh, saying, "That ferret of mine still isn't housebroken!"



Which leads us to our next story...

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it if you only chased after some squeaky toys but not all of them? You have to make it understood that you are entitled to the entire run of the house—every pillow, blanket, chair, and lap of it. If Mom and Pop keep shooting you away, go on a cuddle-strike with the kids. The little ones will then get the message and stop talking to their parents. As every canine knows, an unhappy household has only one

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Winners of the Most Remarkable Housebreakers Poll

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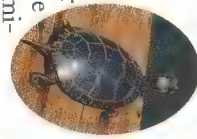
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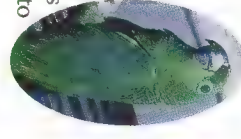
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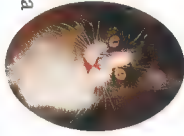


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GOOD HOUSEBREAKING family LIFE

Something Fishy Going On

An aquarium makes for close quarters and, often, hot tempers as well. Swimming around in circles and getting angrier and angrier only makes things worse. Why not talk things over instead?

by Stephen Glassbowl

THE PLACE: A six-gallon fish tank in a two-story home in Petoskey, Michigan

and frankly, I've had it up to my gills. So now our relationship has hit rock bottom.

The above story is true—and all too common. "Nobody understands what it's really like living inside a fishbowl all the time," says fish-relationship expert Dr. Lake Perchik. "Sharing food and water

and being happy at the same time isn't so easy.

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THE PLACE: A fish tank in a home in Petto, Michigan

THE TIME: Late

GOOD HOUSEBREAKING grooming Pet Peeve: Dry Skin

If you're like most amphibians, you need special help with your skin problems. Makeup expert Sally Mander reveals the secret to wrinkle-free, youthful-looking skin.

“A void the sun,” advises Sally. “It dries out your skin. As soon as you come out of the water, apply a good moisturizer, and for goodness’ sake, don’t remove any algae that’s clinging to you. It’s chock-full of valuable nutrients and emollients, and it promotes wart growth.”

Sally shared some practical tips at a makeover session for a GH reader.

Repairing Wrinkles

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cure: a happy dog. Soon they’ll be on their hind legs begging you to jump onto whatever you want.

Now You’ve Got the Fang of It

When I shed an old snake skin, which is more proper: to hang it up or just toss it wherever I want?

A snake should never hang up a skin after he or she molts it. This would make the snake look quite awkward, as snakes have no hands.

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We asked three of the country's top designers for do-it-yourself decorating ideas for rodents. Here's what scamped in.



Crafts in a Scurry

IGLOO & DOORMAT

Designer: Bill Rodentson, white mouse, Anchorage, Alaska.

Materials: half a head of iceberg lettuce, food pellets, water, newspaper.

How to: Gnaw into the lettuce until you've made a room that's big enough to move around in; push newspaper into the hole to make the floor. For the doormat, wet food pellets and mush them together into rows. Let the mat dry and place it in front of your new igloo.



FEED-BAG CHAIR & SIDE-TABLE PLANTER

Designer: Geraldine Hog, guinea pig, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Materials: plastic bag partially filled with food pellets, a carrot.

How to: Close the bag as best you can and fold into a chair. For the side-table planter, gnaw a carrot down to the size of a table, and stick a sprig of leaves from the carrot in the top—it's a table and a houseplant!

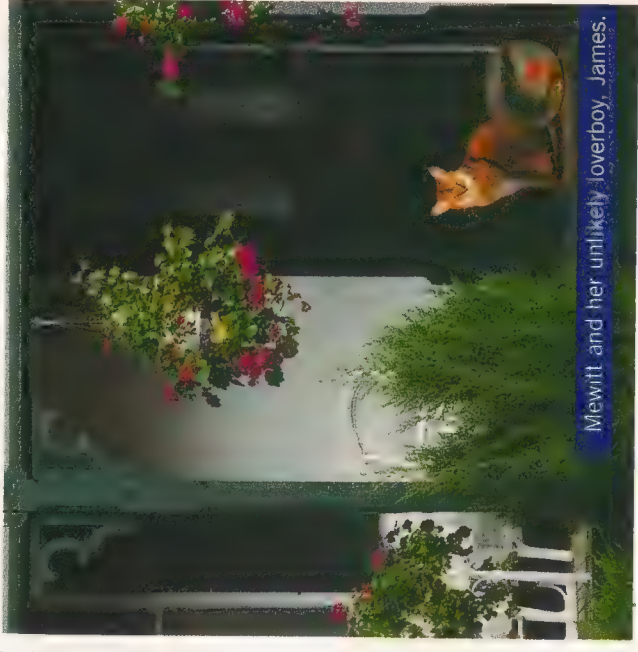


HAMSTER BED

Designer: Hector Furson, hamster, Houston, Texas.

Materials: shredded newspaper, lettuce leaves, carrots.

How to: Push shredded newspaper into a pile; place lettuce-leaf blanket on top; gnaw carrots down to pillow size and arrange on bed.



Mewitt and her unlikely loverboy, James.

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over for a long time to come."

But that isn't where this incredible journey ends. "I know it sounds

crazy," says Jennifer, "but James and I are starting to

date. People say we're nuts—that a cat and fish

can't go out. But I've learned so much from

him already, I know that he'll continue to bowl me

ed by goldfish," admits Jennifer, "but only in that

what would they taste like' way. My experience

with James really helped me learn how to accept

the help of anyone, even if they are a potential meal."

"I didn't trust them—they were dogs, after all."

help." The testy Jennifer snapped and threw a hissy fit. "I'm not proud of my reaction. I was lucky he didn't tell me off. Instead, he really came through for me."

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One Kitty's Journey

Superstar kitty Jennifer Love Mewitt thought she had the world on a string.

But after a harrowing voyage that changed all nine of her lives, she has finally learned the true meaning of feeling feline.

BY HARRY HAIRBALL



The bewitching bewhiskered Jennifer Love Mewitt stranded on a sandy beach.

"The whole thing started because I don't like rain," says Jennifer. "The only wet thing I can stand is my food." As the star of the hit TV show *Litter of Five* and the smash movie *I*

Know You Scratched the Heck Out of the Sofa

Last Summer, Jennifer thought she could always get her way. So when it started raining the day

everyone was leaving the remote set of *Summer*, she continued to snuggle up

in her hotel bed instead of rushing to catch the last

boat off the Caribbean island. "I figured that

since I was the cat's pajamas in Hollywood, they'd hold the boat for me,"

Jennifer confesses. But no such luck. The popular mewvie star was a cat

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2. Push food out of cans onto bed of lettuce.
3. Garnish with parsley and curled carrots.
4. Slice just before serving.

Chef's Tricks: You can substitute grass clippings for the bed of lettuce.

HERBED DROOL AND LARD GRAVY

PREP: 2 minutes

- 1 cup animal fat
- 1 cup fresh drool

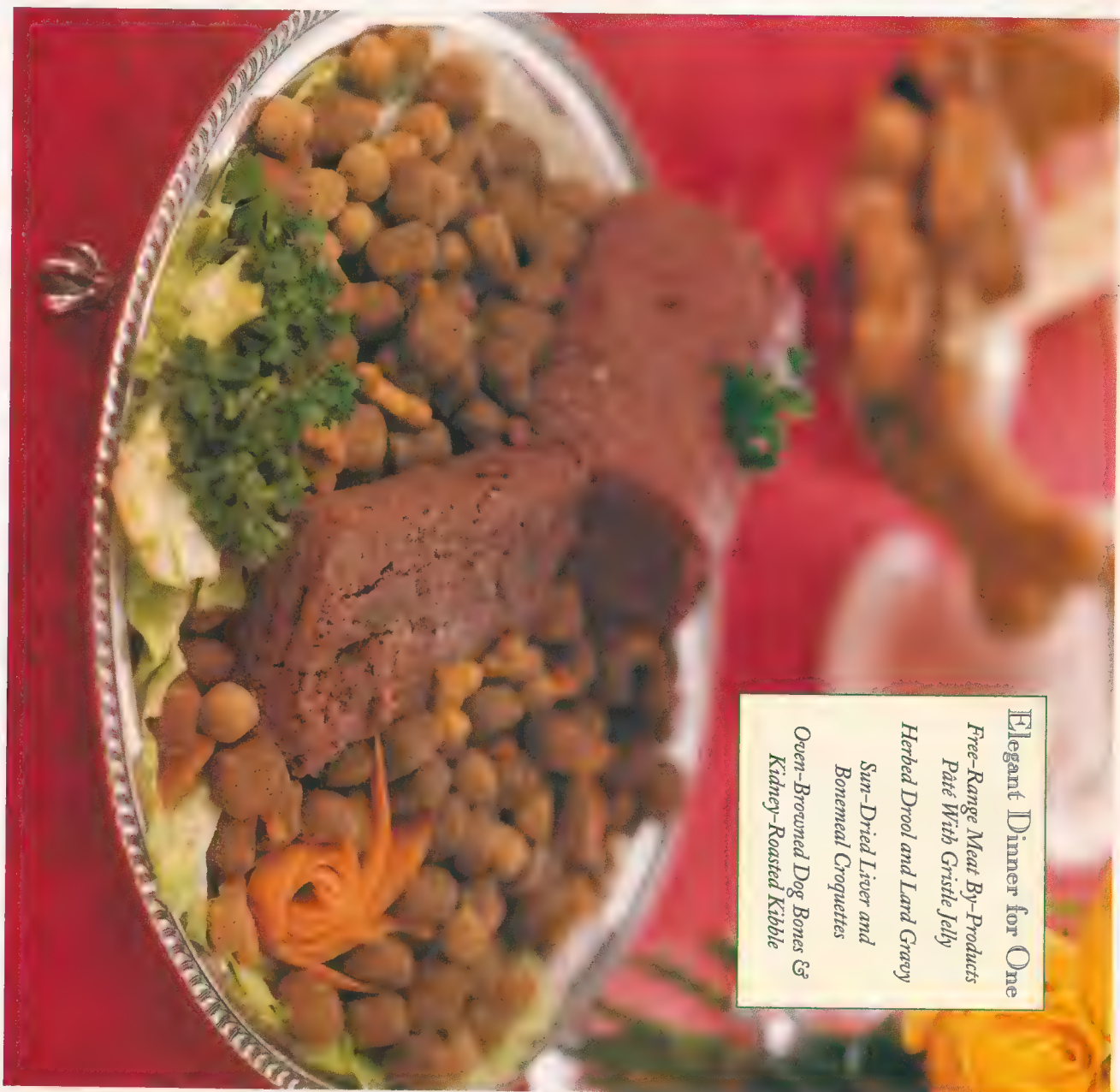
1. Mix together.
2. Add freshly shed fur to taste.

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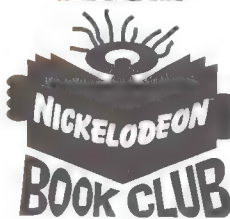
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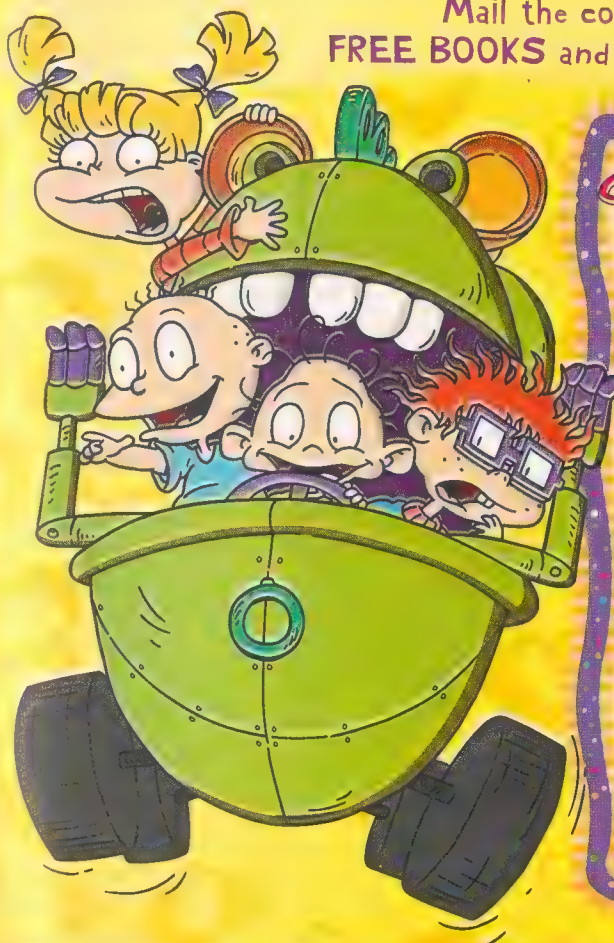
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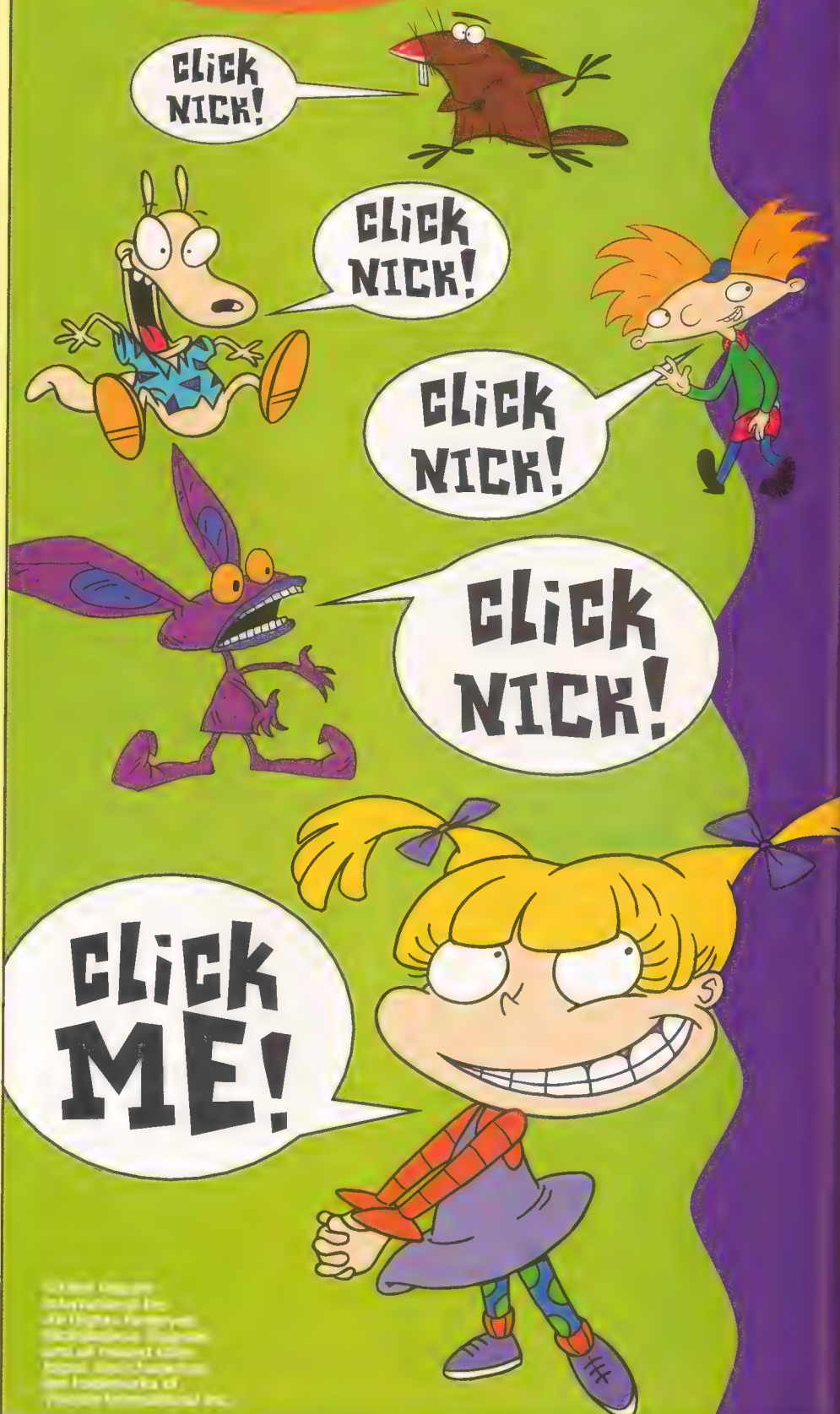
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Fast Forwards

This month the country's top college basketball teams will compete for the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) title in the series known as "March Madness." Lynda Jones competed for time with two top college forwards: Chamique (sha-MEE-kwah) Holdscraw of the University of Tennessee and Wally Szczerbiak (ZER-bee-ak) of Miami University of Ohio.

Slammin' Chamique



Was growing up in New York City an advantage in learning how to play?

I think so. We don't have the large football fields that people in the South have, but there are courts all over New York. So we can just put on our tennis shoes and play basketball anywhere.

Who taught you the game?

My uncle was a pretty good player. He and I would go out on the court and shoot. I learned a lot from him.

You're six-foot-one. Were you always tall?

Yes. In eighth grade I was about five-foot-ten, so I was a *little* taller than your average eighth grader.

Did kids pick on you because you were tall?

They called me Bony and any kind of name referring to being skinny with big feet.

What would you do when they picked on you?

I would laugh about it, and then I would make fun of them. I'm a pretty good comedian.

What were your favorite school subjects when you were eleven?

History and Spanish. I had a lot of Spanish-speaking friends, and when I was in their homes I would hear them speaking their language. I thought it was cool to be able to understand it. I've been taking Spanish since fourth grade.

When did you discover that you could really play ball?

Probably my sophomore year in high school. That's when I realized I had a confidence in myself that not too many players had.

Do you have any pregame rituals?

I write motivational tips on my sneakers. I write whatever I'm thinking about. If it's rebounding, I

turn forward for more



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write "rebounding—believe." I always look down and see the things written on my shoes, and that inspires me.

What kind of music do you play to psych yourself up before a game?

This year it's definitely Jay-Z. I've got to have my Jay-Z CD.

Who is your favorite player in the WNBA?

I don't have a favorite player, but I like certain players for different things. I like Lisa Leslie for her finesse game. I like Bridget Pettis because her ball handling is really good, and I like Cynthia Cooper for her slashing ability. So if you could put all three together in one person, that would be my favorite player.

Who's your favorite male player?

Besides Michael Jordan, I like Grant Hill and Anfernee Hardaway. I like them because they are tall guards and they can do so much. Then there's Stephon Marbury—he has an explosive game and mental toughness that's unmatched.

Is it true that Michael Jordan challenged you to play him one-on-one?

Yes. Our team was in Chicago, and we got to meet him. I was in his office and was about to leave when he said, "So we're going to play one-on-one?" and I started laughing. I was kind of shocked. We haven't played yet, but I'm not going to back down. I'll take him up on his offer. It'll be fun.

What's the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you on the court?

This year I fell down playing my first exhibition game, and I couldn't get up. Every time I tried to get up I slipped and fell down again. I thought it was funny—and weird, too. ☐



Wally's World

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How old were you when you first started playing basketball?

WALLY SZCERBIAK: My first organized basketball game was in the fourth grade.

Your father played pro basketball in Europe. Did you learn a lot from him?

I would just shoot around with him after his games. He started teaching me about basketball when I was two.

How much did you practice when you were a kid?

Every day. I'd play by myself in my backyard. Then I'd have practice at school. I just always wanted to be dribbling or shooting a basketball wherever I was.

Did you ever get yelled at by your coach?

I used to get yelled at to shoot more, because I liked to pass and give my teammates the ball.

Did you have a nickname when you were growing up?

My nickname was Wally World, and that's what it still is. The basketball fans in high school gave it to me. Walley World is the name of an amusement park in one of the *National Lampoon* movies [the original *National Lampoon's Vacation*].

Were you nervous during your first college game?

Yes, very nervous, because it was a totally new experience, and I didn't know what to expect.

What kind of music do you play to get psyched for a game?

I like Metallica.

Do you eat before you play?

Yeah, I eat four hours before a game—chicken and pasta and other carbohydrates.

How many pairs of sneakers do you own?

At least ten.

Do the guys on your team ever play any pranks on the road?

Once in a while we'll tease a player and call his hotel room and tell him he has a package at the front desk when he really doesn't.

Do you have any pets at home?

Yes, three dogs.

Do they do anything athletic?

They're all pretty fast runners, and I like to run 'em when I'm on my bike.

What team would you like to play for when you graduate?

Any team based someplace warm, such as the Miami Heat. ☐

This time, make sure it's Miami in Florida, big guy.



Wholly Foley!

Real



Meet Dave Foley, the actor who played Flik in *A Bug's Life*, appeared in *Blast From the Past*, and also stars on TV's *NewsRadio*. We flicked a few questions at him.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Did you collect bugs when you were a kid?

DAVE FOLEY: I never collected them, but I spent a lot of time staring at anthills, wondering what was going on inside.

Were you the class clown?

No, I wasn't really a class clown. I was known to be funny, but in a quiet way.

What is the first movie you ever saw in a theater?

The Jungle Book, but for some reason, I remember what the ushers looked like more than anything else. Back then [in the '60s], they wore short, red, military-style jackets with little red caps. Then, when I was about twenty-one, I worked as an usher.

Was it as much fun as you thought it would be when you were a kid?

Come to think of it, no. By then, ushers had to wear gold polyester jackets instead of the nice old red ones. But we got to see free movies.

Your sons are three and six. Did they like *A Bug's Life*?

They loved it. I was wondering how they'd feel about the fact that Flik was their dad's voice—they understood, but they just didn't seem to care! ☐



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I think that I shall never see A thing as lanky as a flea.



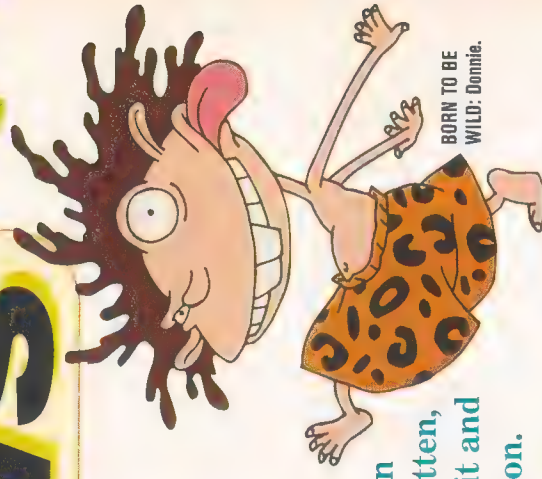
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Going Wild!

Real!

If the animals on *The Wild Thornberrys* seem more realistic than your average cartoon creature, it's because of researcher **Bryce Lowery** (below, left). Before each episode is written, he gives the show's writers scientific information about the locations the Thornberrys visit and the animals they might find there. Bryce gave **Julie Rottenberg** the following information.



NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Do the animals on *The Wild Thornberrys* behave as they do in the wild?

BRYCE LOWERY: The writers often give the animals human traits, but they also try to keep the animals' behavior consistent with their natural personalities. For instance, there was an episode about a male and female tortoise falling in love. My research found that tortoises flirt by biting each other on the back of the neck, so that was included in the episode.

Do you suggest where the Thornberrys should travel, or do the writers tell you which locations to research?

The first five episodes were set in Africa before I was hired. But because most of the writers know more about comedy than they do about science or the ecosystem, now they say to me, "Bryce, where should we go next?"

Have you enjoyed working with the writers on the show?

It has been fun, because I've sparked an interest in science among them. Every so often, the head writer calls me about a particular animal she has seen on the nature channel, and we'll start brainstorming a story idea for the show.



What's the scariest animal the Thornberrys have met so far?

We had a vampire bat episode that aired on Halloween, but we made the bats a little scarier than they are in real life. Vampire bats *do* drink blood, but most likely it'll be from an animal, not a human.

What's the biggest misconception people have about wild animals?

The big thing that everyone needs to remember is that, for the most part, wild animals don't bother humans unless humans bother them. They don't even care that we're around, unless we interrupt their natural life—then they get aggravated.

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Where the WILD THORNERRY Things Are

Here are some of the wild animals the Thornberrys have encountered in South America.



Going Wild!

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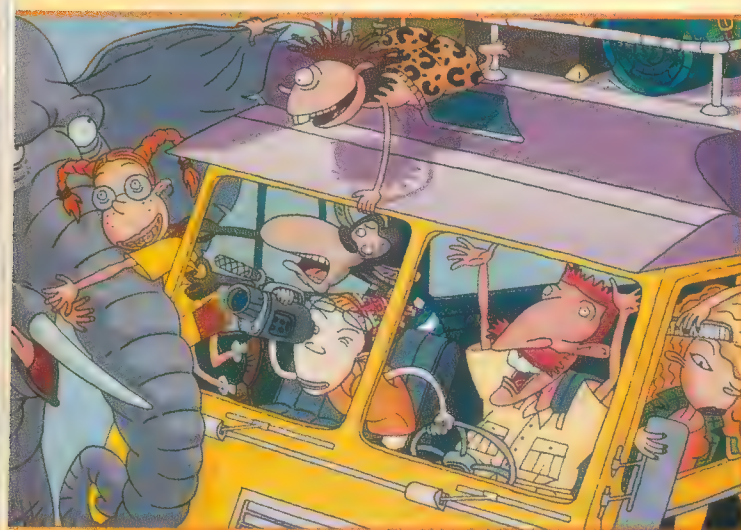
Where would you most like to travel? I'd love to go to Africa and check out the gorillas of the Congo.



If you could talk to an animal, which would you choose? My dogs. Wouldn't you love to know what goes through their minds on a daily basis, and what they think of you?

Do you have a favorite cartoon besides the Thornberrys? I've always been a big fan of Scooby-Doo.

Which Thornberry family member do you most identify with? I'm probably most like Darwin, the chimpanzee (left). He's cautious but inquisitive—and always hungry for some snacks! □



THE THORNBERRYS: Doing what comes naturally.

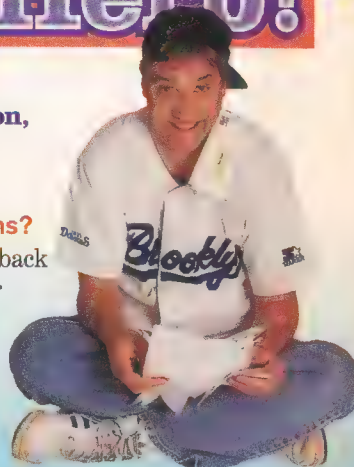


The Wild Thornberrys airs on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 PM. All shows air one hour earlier in the central time zone. Show times are subject to change. Check local listings for details.

Real

Hey, Herb!

Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Herb Scannell, anything you want.



Do you have strange dreams? Sometimes I dream that I'm back in college and I have a test or paper due—usually it's in chemistry or math—but I haven't gone to that class the whole semester. The funny thing is, I never took a college course in either subject.

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What's New on Nick

by Erica Pass



Nickel-New-Zone
Spring into March with new episodes of shows in the Nickel-O-Zone. Starting **March 8**, brand-new episodes of **Hey Arnold!** and **The Journey of Allen Strange** (left) air on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** from 8 to 9 PM. Plus, starting **March 16**, new episodes of **The**

Wild Thornberrys and **Cousin Skeeter** air on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from 8 to 9 PM.

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Are You Afraid of the Dark? is back with new episodes, and there are more thrills and chills than ever. Look for it in **SNICK** at 9:30 PM.

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Live from Los Angeles, it's the 100th episode of **All That**. This special celebratory show promises a whole hour of music, comedy, and fun. The extravaganza happens on **March 6**, at 8 PM in **SNICK**.

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March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 March is National Umbrella Month. 	1 National Pig Day Live high on the hog. 	9 Under the Umbrella Fact #1: The word <i>umbrella</i> means "little shade" in Latin. 	3 Florida becomes the 27th state, 1845 It was a <i>Seminole</i> day in history. 	4 Vermont becomes the 14th state, 1791 Don't get all syrupy. 	5 Girl Scouts founded, 1912 That's the way the cookie crumbled. 	6 Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, born, 1926 He's Fed up.
7 James Van Der Beek, actor, born, 1977 Like father, like Dawson. 	8 Quincy Jones, musician, born, 1933 Did his Grammy love him? 	14 Alcatraz prison is closed, 1963 And they threw away the key. 	17 Billy Corgan, Smashing Pumpkins' lead singer, born, 1967 Despite all his rage, he was still just a babe in a crib. St. PATRICK'S DAY 	18 Under the Umbrella Fact #2: The ancient Romans were the first to use umbrellas as protection from the rain. Before that, umbrellas shielded people from the sun. 	19 Joseph Priestley, scientist credited with the discovery of oxygen, born, 1733 He breathed his first oxygen today. 	20 National Quilting Day Run for covers!
21 Lucy Lawless, actress, born, 1968 Take the Lawless into your own hands. 	22 Francisco de Goya, artist, born, 1746 He was full of beans. 	23 Under the Umbrella Fact #3: On average, 56 inches of rain falls on Louisiana each year, making it the wettest state in the U.S. 	24 Lara Flynn Boyle, actress, born, 1970 Her mother had a Boyle removed. 	26 Duncan Hines, food manufacturer, born, 1880 If we knew he was coming, we would've baked him a cake. 	27 Bunsen Burner Day Put this day on the back burner. 	31 Under the Umbrella Fact #4: In England, umbrellas are also called brollys and bumbershoots.

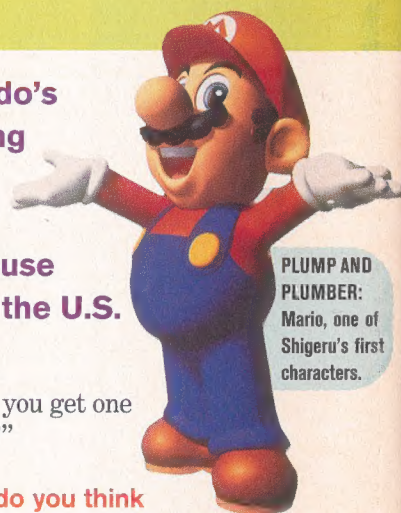
Mr. Video Game

Real



HYRULE HERO: Link must save the magical land of Hyrule in The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time.

Shigeru Miyamoto created many of Nintendo's most popular video games, including the megaclassics Donkey Kong, Super Mario Bros., and The Legend of Zelda. Shigeru, who lives in Japan, hit pause long enough to talk to us on a recent trip to the U.S.



PLUMP AND PLUMBER: Mario, one of Shigeru's first characters.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How much Nintendo do you play every day?

SHIGERU MIYAMOTO: Not counting when I'm working on a game, I only play a couple of hours a month at the most.

Do you ever get so involved with the games you're working on that you dream about them?

No, but I often get new ideas when I'm taking a bath.

What were you like when you were a kid?

I used to climb trees, and I loved hiking by myself in the mountains with just a map. I also belonged to a type of Boy Scout club, and we did a lot of camping. Other than that, I think I spent whole days playing baseball. Plus, I liked to draw.

What kinds of things did you draw? All kinds of cartoons, from serious to funny ones.

Do you still draw?

I don't have much opportunity now, but when I'm in a boring meeting, I'll often draw some pictures. I like to do cartoonish birds' faces and relatively long human faces.

Sometimes I draw pictures of the other people in the meeting—occasionally I even make myself smile.

Do you test your new video games on your kids [ages ten and twelve] first?

I like to keep my private life separate from my work, so I make it a point not to let my kids play any of my games until the game is on the market. They'll even ask me, "Do we have to buy it out of our allowances,

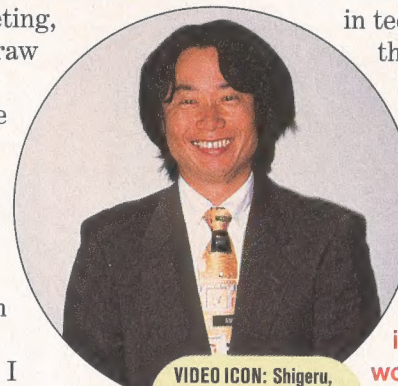
or will you get one for us?"

What do you think video games will be like ten years from now?

I couldn't have imagined the leap in technology that happened in the last ten years, so I don't know what games will be like ten years from now. But I don't believe people will be playing [virtual reality games] with headgear or headsets.

If you could be a character in any of your games, who would you be?

The camera man from Super Mario 64 [below]. He looks very free and relaxed, floating in the air, going where he's going. □



VIDEO ICON: Shigeru, the face behind some of the most famous faces in video game history.

DRAWING TO A CLOSE: Shigeru sketched and signed this picture of the camera man from Super Mario 64 for us.



I know all about the Legend of Zelda.

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GOOF TROUPE



If you tried to solve this chocolate puzzle when it ran in our January/February issue, you may have discovered there was more than one right answer. That's because the color of one chocolate got changed by mistake, so there were three chocolates without mates instead of just one.

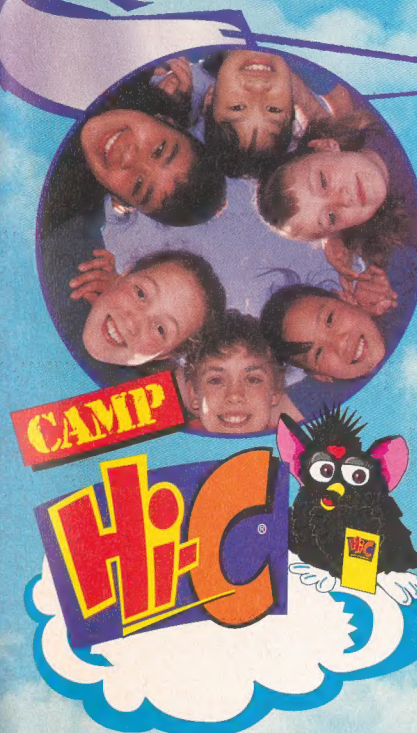
We were heartbroken by our error, so we have reprinted the puzzle the correct way at right. See if you can solve it. (More Goof Troupe on page 79.)



Each chocolate in this collection has a nearly identical twin, except for one. Find the one chocolate that has no match. Answer on page 78.

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On the Beat Barenaked Ladies

You probably know Barenaked Ladies from their fast-talking hit single "One Week," which mentions everything from *The X-Files* to LeAnn Rimes. Contrary to their name, the band is actually made up of five fully clothed guys from Canada. Singer-guitarist Ed Robertson rapped to us about the group.



ONE WEEK SINGER: Ed Robertson

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: You have to sing the lyrics to "One Week" pretty fast. Do you ever mess up?

ED ROBERTSON: Knock on wood, not yet. But I have the distinct advantage of having written them, so they're pretty intrinsic [natural] to me. They just kind of come out.

What is your favorite line?
I like the rhythm of "the chickadee China, the Chinese chicken."

When you were a kid, what kind of music did you listen to?

I grew up listening to country-and-western music, and I started playing guitar so that I could play George Jones and Kenny Rogers songs. In high school, I got into rock and hip-hop.

And I got into the garbage.



LADIES' MEN: (from left) Ed Robertson, Tyler Stewart, Jim Creeggan, Kevin Hearn, Steven Page.

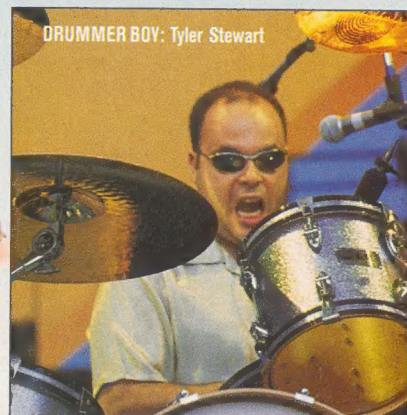
Have you learned any rap songs?
I'm sure I could rap all of the Beastie Boys' songs from *Licensed to Ill* and *Paul's Boutique*—and there are lots of other songs by artists such as LL Cool J, Run-D.M.C., and A Tribe Called Quest that I can recite, from listening to the albums so many times.

Do you ever play pranks on one another on the tour bus?

We always play jokes on each other, especially when we're on the road. For example, it's very dark in the sleeping area of the bus, so one time I climbed into our drummer Ty's bunk bed when he wasn't there and just waited. He got all the way into his bed before he realized I was there, too. It scared the heck out of him.

Have you had many pranks played on you?

I tend to be the prankster, so far at least. But maybe I should knock on wood again. ☐



DRUMMER BOY: Tyler Stewart

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NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Open only to legal U.S. residents. Game void where prohibited by law. Game starts on or about February 1, 1999 and ends on April 15, 1999. Winning game certificates accompanied by instant winning messages imprinted into the cookies will be randomly seeded inside specially marked 16, 20 & 22.5 oz. packages of Regular Oreo cookies and 20 oz. packages of Double Stuff Oreo cookies. If you find a winning certificate and a specially imprinted cookie inside a package of cookies, you are a winner of the prize indicated on the certificate, subject to verification. Winning certificates must be submitted, as described below, before a prize will be awarded.

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VERIFICATION. All winning certificates are subject to verification. Certificates are void and will be rejected if not obtained through authorized, legitimate channels or if any part is reproduced, illegible, mutilated, forged, altered, counterfeited or tampered with in any way (except for handwriting of potential winner), or if materials contain printing, production, typographical, mechanical or other errors. If because of error (or for any other reason), there are more prize claims in any prize category than prizes offered in such category as stated in these Official Rules, a random drawing will be held from among all eligible claimants in such category to award only the number of prizes as stated in these Official Rules. Any attempt to defraud Nabisco or the official judging agency in any way will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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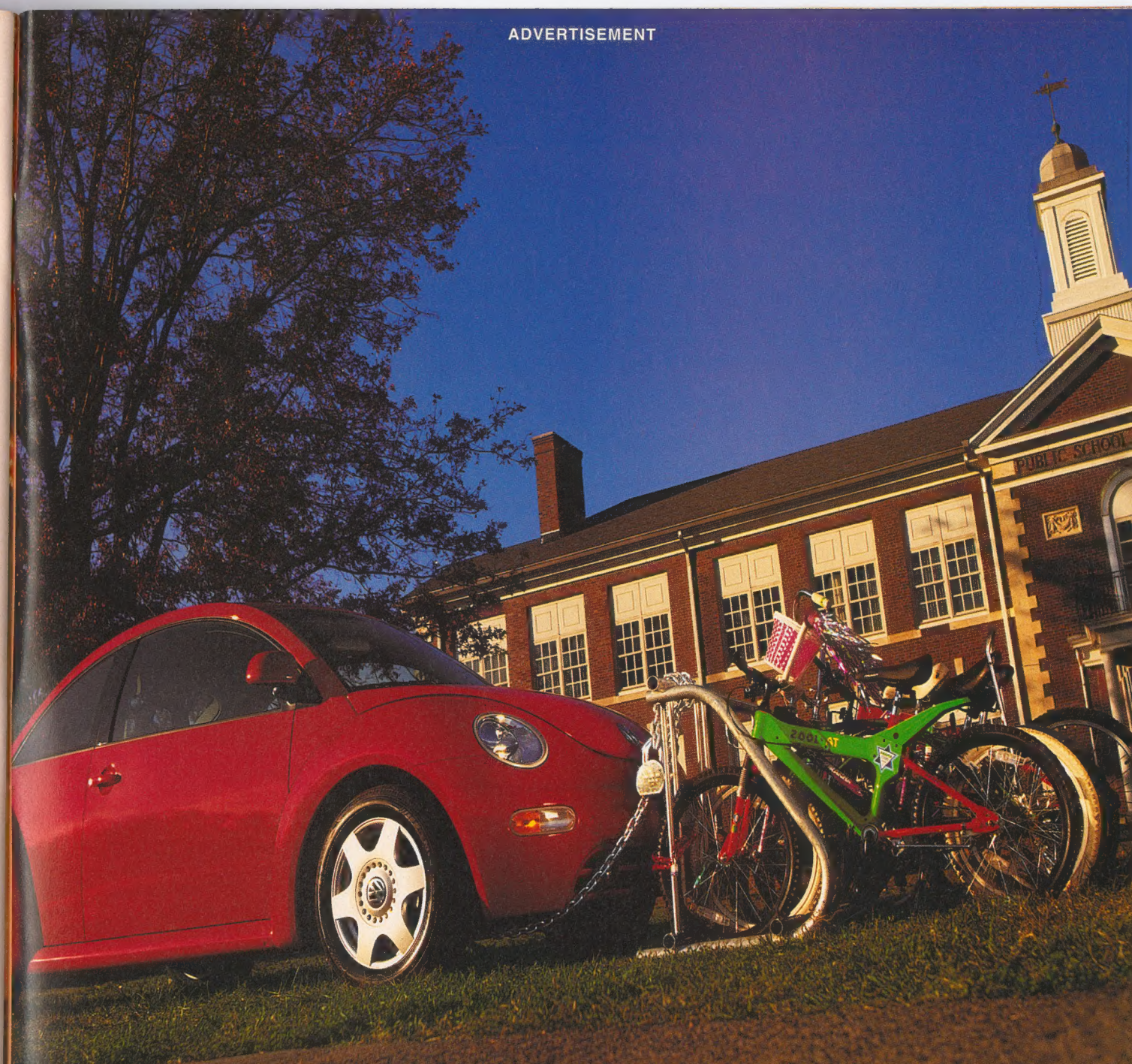
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from the
October 1998 issue

Man: I'll kill this iguana if it's the last thing I do!
Woman: It will be the last thing you do!
Julie S., age 9
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Man: Hold still while I fix that back molar. Pliers, please...
Woman: I should never have taken the job as the world's first dental hygienist.
Abbey S., age 9
Raleigh, North Carolina

Man: Hey! You've got something stuck in your teeth.
Woman: Soon it will be you.
Susan V., age 11
South Windsor, Connecticut

Man: Don't worry. I'll defeat him without ripping or tearing the clothes on my back.
Woman: You better! You're wearing my clothes!
Denise M., age 13
Glenwood, Illinois



Thanks for all your
entries. They were
monstrously good.

Real

answers

Letters to the Editors (page 4):
"What is your favorite TV show?" We have lots of favorites, but *JAG* seems to get mentioned at our meetings more than any other program. "What does the word *nickelodeon* mean?" Early movie theaters were called nickelodeons because admission cost five cents (a nickel), and *melodeon* is an old word for music hall.

Forward, March! (page 7):
LION, LOON, BOON, BORN, BARN, BART, CART, CARE, CAME, LAME, LAMB.

Gerbilopolis (page 12):



Polly Want a Puzzle? (page 26):
The correct phrases are: Too many cooks spoil the broth; What goes up must come down; We're off to see the wizard; Who's been sleeping in my bed?; I'm dreaming of a white Christmas; We all scream for ice cream.

Funky & Miriam (page 48):
The correct definition of *defenestrate* is 3) to throw a person or thing out a window.

He Changed Their Minds (pages 52-3):
Bird has cat's brain; **Carpenter** has sea otter's brain; **Cat** has carpenter's brain; **Crossing Guard** has squirrel's brain; **Dog** has spider's brain; **Football Player** has dog's brain; **Frog** has monkey's brain; **Monkey** has crossing guard's brain; **Sea Otter** has frog's brain; **Spider** has bird's brain; **Squirrel** has football player's brain.

Goof Troupe (page 75):



Here's
the lone
chocolate.



GOOF TROUPE

In our December 1998 issue, we didn't list all the ingredients in our pullout wrapping paper. We forgot to count the car, which was made of fig cookies, wagon-wheel pasta, gumdrops, licorice, an ice-cream cone, sour gummy pasta, a pretzel, and a sour gummy tangerine. Mistakes like this drive us crazy.

In the puzzle "Route or Wrong?" in the January/February issue, we printed the correct bus route, but we put the riders' names in the wrong order. The correct order is 1-Cary, 2-Ryder, 3-Minnie, 4-Portia, 5-Buster, 6-Tyra. (Van lives too close to school to ride the bus.) We're busted!

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